

Coalition of Geospatial Organizations

Leadership Rotation Plan

1. COGO has established by unanimous consent a sequence of leadership succession. Each Member organization was placed in the sequence in the order established by COGO.
2. The Member organization that is next in the succession will nominate a person from their organization, in keeping with the COGO Rules of Operation, to be the Chair-elect.
3. If the Member organization that is next in the succession chooses not to make a nomination, then that Member organization will withdraw from the sequence and the next Member in the succession will make a nomination.
4. The nomination for Chair-elect will be made in writing to COGO by the Member organization next in the line of succession no later than August 31 of the year prior to the year when their nominee will begin as Chair-elect.*
5. COGO Members will have until September 30 of that same year to voice opposition, including rationale, to the Chair regarding the nominee.
6. If opposition is voiced by one of more Members, the Chair will consult with the nominating Member organization and make an effort to resolve the concerns within one month. If it is not possible to resolve the concerns to the satisfaction of the organization(s) that raised them, one of two options will be exercised by the nominating Member organization:
 - a. A new nominee will be proposed immediately to the membership and a one month review period by the membership will commence
 - b. The nominating Member will withdraw from the sequence
7. If a Member organization withdraws from the sequence for any reason, they will be allowed to re-enter the sequence at a time of their choosing in a subsequent year, provided they give notice that they wish to re-enter the sequence no later than June 30 of the year in which they would make a nomination for Chair-elect.
8. If no opposition to a nominee is voiced by the deadline, that nominee will take over the duties of Chair-elect at the time specified in the COGO Rules of Operation.
9. The following is the sequence of leadership succession:

a. URISA	h. UCGIS
b. ASPRS	i. USGIF
c. MAPPS	j. AAGS
d. IAAO	k. ASCE
e. AAG	l. NSGIC
f. GISCI	m. NSPS
g. CaGIS	

* In general, it will be considered good practice for Member organizations to vet their potential nominee with the membership informally prior to making an official nomination.