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to me

Mr. Smith,

After reviewing the amendments to the bylaws, I have a few comments for consideration.

In Article III, the amendment to include language relating to the Chairperson taking into account the “Commissioner’s preference and the size of the respective committees” seems unnecessary to me.

The appointment is the chair’s decision and while the Commissioner’s preference for appointment would likely be suggested at the time of submission of the Commissioner’s name for consideration. Should a Commissioner be appointed to a committee that is not their preference, they could simply decline the appointment. The Chair would then move to their next selection thought to best fit the committee.

The suggested amendments to Article VII seek to minimize the authority of the Executive Committee to the extent that I’m not sure why it would exist. In my mind, the Executive Committee works to manage the work of the Commission such that I as a Commissioner can be looped in but not made to contemplate each and every item individually. While I do support the taking of minutes and am certainly accustomed to the transparency that is provided with compliance with open meeting laws, I would not be supportive of opening up executive sessions beyond the executive committee. I also find it an anomaly to expect the executive committee’s meeting packet documents to be posted to the compact website before the meeting. I have a few other concerns about amendments in this section, like ex-officio and quorum, but I’ll forgo elaborating on those now.

In summary, I support the existing structure of the executive committee and I accept that they do work on behalf of the full commission that I may not be privy to in every detail. While it’s not clear to me if these amendments will be presented in whole or in part for acceptance, if presented in whole, I would be unwilling to support as currently drafted.

Thanks,  
Nicki

