

Appointment of the Divisional Vice Chair as Chair-Elect. An unusual situation occurs when the Divisional Vice Chair is appointed to be Chair-Elect (and therefore to assume the office of Chair on September 1). On March 6, 2008 CERJ formally advised that

Under the terms of DDB 40(I), the office of Vice Chair becomes vacant when the Vice Chair is appointed to and accepts the office of Chair-Elect. The Bylaw further states that 'A vacant office shall be filled no later than the beginning of the second full academic term after a vacancy occurs.' Since the vacancy in this case occurs during the winter quarter, this is a requirement to fill the position not later than the start of the fall quarter, which makes filling the position during the current academic year discretionary.

If the Committee on Committees chooses not to fill the office of Vice Chair 'the Secretary shall assume the duties of the Vice Chair' (DDB 13(B)).

If the CoC chooses to fill the vacancy the appointee would take office immediately and would serve as Vice Chair through August 31. CoC may (but need not) appoint the same person as Vice Chair for the following academic year.