

Speech and Hearing BC Policy Statement & Procedures

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AREA: Governance

SUBJECT: Speech and Hearing BC Area Representation

POLICY:

Area Representation Committee

There shall be an Area Representatives Committee to be composed of Area Representatives elected from the members registered in the established areas. The Area Representatives shall elect from amongst themselves a Chair or their committee in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Provincial Council. This Chair shall sit on Provincial Council as Director, Area Representatives.

Area Representation

The Provincial Council may define the areas of the province for the purposes of establishing representation by area within the Association and also:

- 1) establish policies and procedures necessary to create a new area including voting on a request for a new area;
- 2) establish policies and procedures for the election or removal of a representative from each area so defined including filling vacancies and defining terms of office;
- 3) prescribe the duties and powers of Area Representatives.

When the Provincial Council has defined an area the full members of that area are entitled to elect a representative.

PROCEDURE:

Area Establishment

To create a new area:

- a) a full member may take a formal request to the Provincial Council for representation of an area including defining the proposed new area or modifications to any existing are;
- b) on receipt of a request, the Provincial Council shall provide notification to each member in the proposed area to determine whether a majority of members residing in that area would support the new representation;
- c) if a majority of members within the proposed new area who returned ballots support the request for representation within the new area, a new area is thereby created and the Provincial Council shall issue a call for nominations for an Area Representative to be elected from that area.