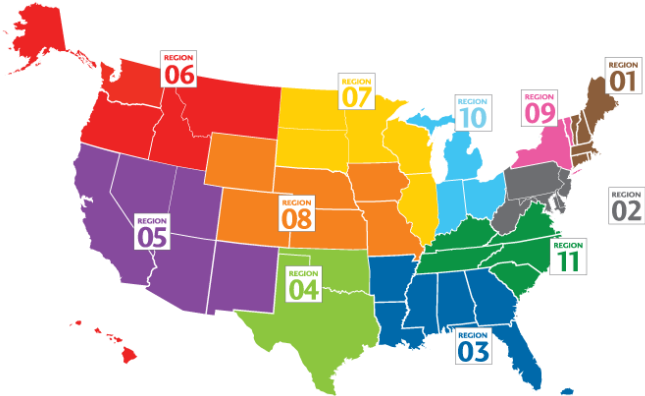


# You're Invited: Regional Meeting

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## Regions



The US is organized into 11 geographic regions to facilitate transplantation. In each region, a Regional Councillor, an Associate Regional Councillor, and a UNOS Regional Administrator work together to coordinate regional activities. Each region is represented by the Councillor on the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors and there is a regional representative on most of the standing OPTN committees. Regional meeting information is posted to the [Regions](#) section on the UNOS Transplant Pro website.

## Regional Meeting Overview

- Public comment periods offer an opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes to OPTN policies ([OPTN public comment](#))
- Meetings are held twice each year during the spring (Jan-March) and fall (Aug-Oct) public comment periods
- The meeting agenda is divided into two sections: discussion and non-discussion (ND) policy proposals\*
- Discussion policy proposals are presented and discussed at the regional meeting
- ND policy proposals are *not* discussed at the regional meeting

\*All policy proposals – discussion and ND – are presented during national webinars held during the public comment period.

## Regional Meeting Agenda

The regional meeting is chaired by the Regional Councillor. A typical meeting includes the following components:

- Regional update presented by the Regional Councillor
- UNOS update presented by a UNOS executive or President/VP of OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors
- OPTN committee updates presented by Regional Representatives of OPTN committees
- Policy proposals presented by Regional Representatives from the sponsoring committees followed by discussion and voting (*discussion items only*)

## Voting

Regional meeting votes are advisory and help the Regional Councillor represent the viewpoints of the region to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors on each policy proposal.

- Each organization receives one vote, but anyone may voice feedback or ask questions. When the Councillor calls for a vote, members will be asked to indicate support, opposition, or abstention.
- Anyone may propose an amendment to a proposal which may be voted on with the proposal, or can be voted on separate from the proposal as written; there may be a call to vote on amended proposals.
- Regional Administrators announce vote tallies and take notes on the feedback voiced by meeting attendees to create written comments that express the sentiments of the region.
- Regional comments on proposals are posted to the OPTN website in the [public comment section](#)\* and shared with the sponsoring committee for each proposal and the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors for consideration.

\*Members and general public are encouraged to post individual comments on the OPTN website in the public comment section.

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