



MRO Seeks Nominations for Stakeholder Advisory Councils

October 5, 2018

SAINT PAUL, MN. At its meeting on October 4, 2018, the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) Board of Directors approved [charters](#) for three stakeholder advisory councils: the Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CMEP) Advisory Council, the Reliability Advisory Council and the Security Advisory Council. The charters support the board's prior decision to restructure MRO's existing organizational groups to facilitate participation from all entities registered in MRO's recently expanded footprint, and to be more effective and efficient. The advisory councils consolidate certain responsibilities of MRO's current committees. Members' terms on the advisory councils will begin on January 1, 2019.

Council Structure and Purpose

MRO has long relied on the experience and expertise of industry experts to further its vision of a reliable and secure bulk power system. MRO's advisory council structure will enable these subject matter experts to contribute their input and technical skills to help identify, prioritize, and effectively and efficiently mitigate risks to reliability and security of the regional footprint. As non-voting bodies, membership on the councils is based on experience and expertise, and to the extent practicable, geographic diversity and sector balance.

Council Membership

Each council will have fifteen members. The desired experience and skillset for council members is in each council's [charter](#). All fifteen positions on the CMEP Advisory Council and the Reliability Advisory Council are open. Six members will expand the existing nine-member Security Advisory Council. The new seats, along with seats expiring at year-end or vacated, create ten open positions on that council. New members will be assigned a one, two, or three-year term to create staggered three-year terms on the advisory councils.

Call for Nominations

The MRO Board of Directors strongly encourages individuals to consider volunteering on an MRO advisory council.

The nomination period begins today, October 5, 2018, and **ends on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.**

Interested individuals should submit a [nomination form](#) to Carolina.margaria@mro.net.

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Please note that only individuals employed by an MRO member company are eligible to serve on MRO organizational groups. A list of members and information on how to apply for membership is on MRO's [website](#).

Next Steps

The board's Governance and Personnel Committee will review nominations for council membership at its meeting on October 30, 2018, and will submit its recommendation to the board for approval at the Annual Board and Member Meeting on November 29, 2018.

MRO's current subgroups will remain unchanged and will report to one of the [new advisory councils](#). Membership on MRO's subgroups will remain as is until the advisory council has met to review the subgroup's charter and membership, and subsequently recommend any revisions to the board's Organizational Group Oversight Committee for its consideration in the first quarter of 2019.

In addition, MRO NERC representatives will remain in place until the board's Organizational Group Oversight Committee has acted on recommendations from the appropriate advisory council.

Direct any questions on this announcement or on council membership to jessie.mitchell@mro.net.

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Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the reliability and security of the bulk power system in the central region of North America, including parts of both the United States and Canada. MRO is one of seven regional entities in North America operating under authority from regulators in the United States through a delegation agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and in Canada under similar arrangements. The primary focus of MRO is developing and ensuring compliance with reliability standards and assessing the grid's ability to meet the demands for electricity.