

Policies for Election of Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board Directors

1. **Application.** The NRIN Board consists of 14 elected Directors, two Directors representing each of the seven participating Planning Exercise and Training (PET) Regions established by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. These policies are applicable to the election of NRIN Board Directors to fill Board vacancies due to resignation or termination of Directors and regularly scheduled elections of Directors. The Policy/Administration/Outreach Committee shall administer all aspects of the election process in accordance with the NRIN Interlocal Agreement, the NRIN Bylaws, and the NRIN Election Policies.
2. **Vacancies.** Director vacancies may be 1) scheduled as required to fill expired term of office or 2) unscheduled due to resignation, termination, death or other reason a Director cannot fulfill a term. Unscheduled vacancies are considered immediate upon notification of the NRIN chairperson.
3. **Resignations.** Directors, in consultation with Members in their regions, may resign their position as Director. Resignation requires written notice from the Director to the NRIN Board chairperson. Resignations shall be effective when the NRIN Board chairperson receives the notice of resignation.
4. **Terminations.** Terminations may occur in one of the following ways:
 - a. **Termination by Members of a Region.** A 2/3 majority of Members within a region may petition to terminate a Director from that region. The Director shall be terminated upon 1) written petition by a 2/3 majority of Members within a region, 2) signed by Member Board chairpersons, and 3) presented to the NRIN Board chairperson.
 - b. **Termination by the NRIN Board of Directors.** Attendance shall be evaluated each year from July 1 through June 30 based on number of meetings called. If a Director does not attend a majority of those meetings, he or she shall be terminated.
 - c. **Notice of Termination.** Terminations shall be effective as of the date the NRIN Board chairperson posts a communication to Members within the Region that the conditions of termination have been met.
5. **Interim Appointment.** Upon resignation or termination of a Director, the chairperson shall contact all Members in the region and request appointment of an interim Director until an election can be held to fill the vacancy. The interim Director may be appointed by majority vote of the Planning, Exercise, Training (PET) Board within the Region. The NRIN Board shall vote on acceptance of the interim Director. If the interim Director does

not receive a majority vote of NRIN Directors, the position shall remain unfilled until a Director election is held. The interim Director shall have all powers and responsibilities of a Director including voting rights until a vacancy is filled through an election.

6. **Elections Timelines.** All scheduled and unscheduled vacancies may only be filled through one of the following:
 - a. Scheduled elections shall be held in advance of the end of a Director term to ensure continuation of representation on the NRIN Board. Director terms shall expire on June 30th and new director terms will begin on July 1 of the designated year. Scheduled Director terms can be found in Attachment A.
 - b. Unscheduled elections shall be held as soon as possible after the vacancy.

7. **Election Requirements.** NRIN Members are public agencies that have signed a current Interlocal Agreement for NRIN. Each Member shall have one vote and may vote only for candidates who represent the region containing the public agency. Directors shall be elected for a three year term of office. Directors may be re-elected for any number of terms. Directors shall serve staggered terms to promote stability and continuity.

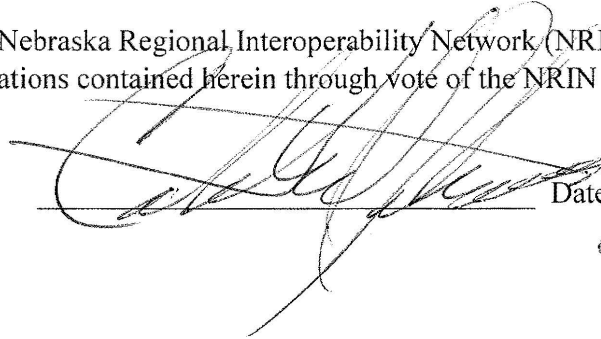
8. **Election Procedures.** The Policy/Administration/Outreach Committee shall administer the election process.
 - a. The Committee shall solicit Director nominations from a wide variety of entities within the Region including but not limited to Member Public Agencies, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), PET Region Boards, emergency management agencies and first responder agencies.
 - b. At least one month shall be provided for submission of nominations.
 - c. Nominations may only be submitted by the chairperson of a Member Public Agency or the chairperson of the PET Region using approved nomination forms (see Attachment B).
 - d. Once the nomination process is completed, the Committee shall develop a ballot including all nominees appropriately submitted.
 - e. Ballots shall be sent to all chairpersons of the Member Public Agencies within the PET Region and procedures for submitting votes. The ballot and procedures shall be communicated widely to relevant stakeholders within the PET Region.
 - f. At least one month shall be provided for votes to be submitted. The Committee shall take active measures to encourage Member votes.
 - g. Directors shall be elected by simple majority of voting Members. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the Committee shall determine if a second election among leading candidates could break the tie, and if so, conduct a re-election. If a second election is unlikely to break a tie, the Committee shall request a vote of the PET Region Board to break the tie.
 - h. Once the vote is complete, the Committee shall tabulate votes, implement tie-breaking procedures if necessary, and communicate election results to Members,

successful and unsuccessful nominees, PET Regional Board chairpersons, and other stakeholders.

- i. A Director elected through a scheduled election shall fulfill the responsibilities of Director as of July 1st in the year he or she is elected. A Director elected through an unscheduled election shall fulfill the responsibilities of Director upon date of communication of the election results to Members.

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Approved with Modifications contained herein through vote of the NRIN Board on May 5, 2017.

NRIN Board Secretary:


Date: June 23, 2017

NRIN BOARD DIRECTOR TERMS

PET Region	Director Number	Term
Panhandle	Director 1 Heidi Gillespie	2020, 2023, 2026, 2029
	Director 2 Nan Gould	2019, 2022, 2025, 2028
Southwest	Director 1 Roger Powell	2018, 2021, 2024, 2027
	Director 2 Brandon Myers	2020, 2023, 2026, 2029
North Central	Director 1 Vacant - Pending Election	2019, 2022, 2025, 2028
	Director 2 Caleb Johnson	2018, 2021, 2024, 2027
South Central	Director 1 Chip Volcek	2020, 2023, 2026, 2029
	Director 2 John Rosenlund	2019, 2022, 2025, 2028
East Central	Director 1 Tim Hofbauer	2018, 2021, 2024, 2027
	Director 2 Shelly Holzerland	2020, 2023, 2026, 2029
Northeast	Director 1 Brian Kesting	2019, 2022, 2025, 2028
	Director 2 Kevin Mackeprang	2018, 2021, 2024, 2027
Southeast	Director 1 Carla Jones	2020, 2023, 2026, 2029
	Director 2 Brad Eisenhauer	2019, 2022, 2025, 2028

******* REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS *******

Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board

**Nominations to Board Vacancies Representing a Nebraska
PET Region**

What is this About? The Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) provides a governance structure for NRIN. Counties and cities have signed an Interlocal Agreement to elect an NRIN Governing Board to administer the monitoring, management, maintenance and sustainability of NRIN. This notice documents the process for nominating candidates to fill two vacancies on the NRIN Governance Board.

What is NRIN? NRIN is a regional and statewide wireless data communications sharing network that is owned by Nebraska's local governments. Its purpose is to connect Public-Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) or 911 centers. NRIN allows secure, reliable, efficient sharing of information, improving emergency responses and protecting lives and property.

Who should be on the NRIN Board? Candidates for the NRIN Board can represent elected officials, 911 Centers/Public safety Answering Points, law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency management, communications directors or other stakeholders interested in public safety communications. Candidates do not require expertise in communication technology; there will likely be a technical committee to assist the board with technological issues. Candidates should have a passion for ensuring public safety in Nebraska and an understanding about how the communications network can benefit communities throughout the State.

Who can Nominate NRIN Board Candidates? Any NRIN member (a county or city which has signed the Interlocal Agreement) or Nebraska Planning, Exercise and Training (PET) Region can nominate one or more candidates from their area. A nomination form is attached. Nominations must be submitted by the chair of the member board or the PET Region. Please make sure the candidate you are nominating agrees to and is committed to serving on the NRIN Board.

What is the Timeline for Nominations and Election of Board Members? Deadline for nominations is (one month after call for nominations). Elections will be held from (date following nomination deadline) to (one month after election start). Only NRIN members as of (date of call for nomination) may vote on candidates.

What are the Responsibilities of Board Members? Effectively participate in all Board functions. The Board shall govern, manage, and coordinate NRIN to support public safety communications in Nebraska. The Board shall develop a financial plan identifying resources for sustainment of NRIN. Directors will serve one to three year terms and may be re-elected for any number of terms.

Who Can I Contact for More Information About NRIN and Development of the NRIN Board? Contact your local NRIN Governance Board member:

DIRECTOR NAME	REGION	DIRECTOR EMAIL	DIRECTOR PHONE
Shelly Holzerland	East Central	shelly.holzerland@fremontne.gov	402-727-2677
Tim Hofbauer	East Central	tim.hofbauer@plattene.us	402-564-1206
Caleb Johnson	North Central	calebjohnson@atcjet.net	308-284-2021
Brian Kesting	Northeast	bkesting@cityofwayne.org	402-375-1733
Kevin Mackeprang	Northeast	kevinmach@gpcom.net	402-373-2721
Nan Gould	Panhandle	reg23ema@bbc.net	308-432-2251
Heidi Gillespie	Panhandle	ccecc@cheyennecounty.net	308-254-2880
Chip Volcek	South Central	cvolcek@acema.org	402-461-2360
Jon Rosenlund	South Central	jonr@grand-island.com	308-385-5360
Brad Eisenhauer	Southeast	brad.eisenhauer@jeffcolaw.us	402-239-3494
Carla Jones	Southeast	cjones@beatrice.ne.gov	402-223-4080
Roger Powell	Southwest	furnasem@atcjet.net	308-268-5088
Brandon Myers	Southwest	myersbw@ci.northplatte.ne.us	308-532-7383

Qualifications to be an NRIN Board Member:

Commitment and Ability to Actively Participate in All Board Meetings and Activities:

Return this form by **(one month after call for nominations)** to:

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