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The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001

Chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of standards committees

22.—(1) The members of a standards committee shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from amongst the independent members of that committee.

(2) The election of a chairperson and a vice-chairperson shall be the first business to be transacted at the first meeting of a standards committee.

(3) Subject to paragraph (2) above, the chairperson shall preside at meetings of a standards committee.

(4) If the chairperson is absent from a meeting of a standards committee then the vice-chairperson of the committee, if present, shall preside.

(5) If both the chairperson and the vice-chairperson of a standards committee are absent from a meeting of that committee, such independent member of that standards committee as the members of that committee present shall choose shall preside.

(6) Subject to paragraphs (8) and (9) the chairperson of a standards committee shall be elected for whichever is the shorter of the following periods —

- (a) a period of not less than four nor more than six years, or
- (b) until the term of office of that person as an independent member of that standards committee comes to an end.

(7) Subject to paragraphs (8) and (9) the vice-chairperson of a standards committee shall be elected for whichever is the shorter of the following periods —

- (a) a period of not less than four nor more than six years, or
- (b) until the term of office of that person as an independent member of that standards committee comes to an end.

(8) A person elected as a chairperson or vice-chairperson may at any time resign from office by notice in writing to the proper officer of the relevant authority concerned.

(9) Where a casual vacancy in the office of chairperson or vice-chairperson is filled, the person so appointed shall hold office for whichever is the shorter of the following periods —

- (a) until the date upon which the term of office of the person in whose place that person is elected would have expired, or
- (b) until the term of office of that person as an independent member of that standards committee comes to an end.