

CCOC Subcommittee on Alder Job Definition

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I would like the subcommittee to look at the following issues, with the highest priority being the issues related to leadership so that changes can be proposed ahead of the filing deadline for the 2015 elections. Issues that trigger a more involved restructuring of the Council may have to wait until 2017 or even the next census to be implemented:

1. Length of leadership terms: Should the terms be 1 or 2 years?
2. Leadership pay: Should President be considered a half-time job or more, with an increase in pay, given the volume of duties? Should there be changes to the pro-tem's pay as well?
3. Should the Council have more staff?
4. Are the travel and professional development budgets adequate?
5. Relating to the structure of the Council (these questions are intertwined):
 - a) Length of alder terms: Should we go to 4 years?
If a change is made, should the terms be staggered so that half the Council is elected every two years?
 - b) How large should the Council be?
 - c) Should the Alder position be full time or part time?
 - d) Should Alder pay be raised?