

# BAC DISCUSSION GUIDE

## BAC Caucus Process: Filling BAC Vacancies

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### Background and Caucus Process

At the September 2023 BAC meeting, BAC members expressed the desire to self-select members of the Basin Advisory Committee, and the Tri-Sovereigns supported this idea. BAC members agreed to use a caucus method to help fill vacancies on the Advisory Committee. The agreed-upon process is as follows:

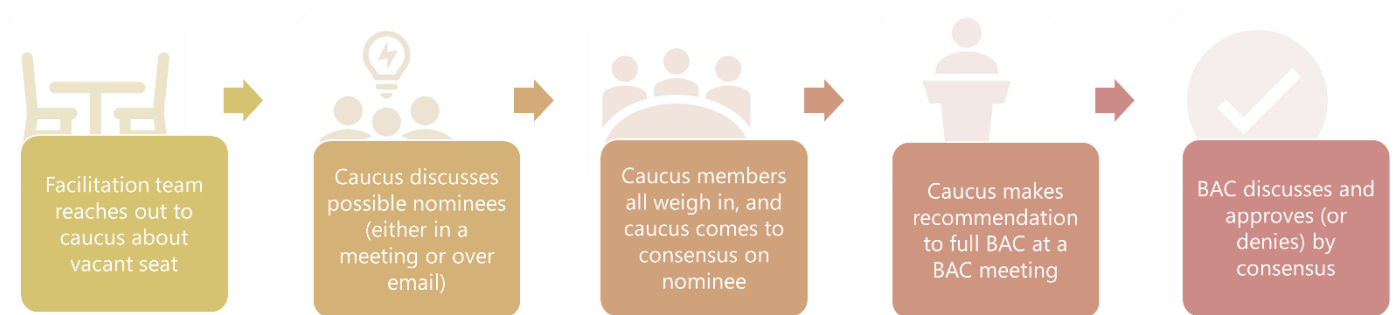
There are six caucuses: Agriculture, Environment & Recreation, Local Government, State Government, Federal Government, and Tribal Government (see detail on page 2). Each caucus is responsible for recommending individuals to fill any vacant seats within their caucus (e.g., the Agriculture caucus makes recommendations to fill a vacancy within the Agriculture seats). When a seat opens, the facilitation team contacts the caucus to notify them of the vacancy. The caucus then discusses possible nominees either over email or in a meeting and come to consensus around a recommended nominee. Caucuses bring their recommendation to the BAC for discussion during an Advisory Committee meeting, and the recommendation is approved by consensus of the BAC. The [Caucus Process Graphic](#) below illustrates this.

It is important to remember that the WW BAC Operating Procedures<sup>1</sup> direct caucuses to represent broad interests within that interest group. Therefore, in filling vacancies it is important to consider perspectives within your interest group that are not currently represented on the BAC—rather than adding more members who share your perspective.

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<sup>1</sup> From the Operating Procedures: “BAC members will...Keep other members of your interest group informed of AC efforts, solicit input on issues discussed, and share this input with the WWBAC as a whole. This is a key responsibility of members; it is important that members represent the broad perspectives of their interest group”

## Caucus Process Graphic



## Advisory Committee Caucuses

Caucus	Interest Group	Primary	Alternate
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