

Record, Line of Succession Meeting
Arkansas Lottery Commission
May 4, 2012
124 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR

Commissioners Shipp, Faris (both by conference call) and Frazier met on Arkansas Lottery Commission officer line of succession. The conversation involved all members present.

They discussed staff research that other like boards and commissions (Game & Fish, Highway, UA Board of Trustees) have a tradition of a line of succession which they have followed for decades. Although not a rule, an orderly rotation based primarily on seniority has been a set practice at these three boards or commissions.

At these governing boards, variation from the traditional process has occurred only in extraordinary instances, usually when the member next-in-line chooses not to move up and therefore goes off the rotation. Rarely, but not unheard of, the full membership chooses to skip over an officer in line for Chair. The annual vote, then, is called to elect the entry office (in the case of the current Arkansas Lottery Commission offices, that would be Secretary-Treasurer) and confirm (or deny) the ascension of one slot by each of the other two officers.

It was brought up that a decision on the matter should be in place by the time all Commissioners hold a six-year term and noted that the Lottery Commission's line will be different since there are three sets of Commissioners with the same level of seniority. With that said, those present agreed to encourage the full Arkansas Lottery Commission to discuss and consider eventual adoption of a line-of-succession tradition to provide long-term predictability and continuity to the leadership of the Commission when all have full terms. The group agreed that there was no need for a formal motion.