

## Proposed NCMA bylaws revisions Content

### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS DUTIES

#### 2. Vice Chairperson:

Amend “Acts on behalf of the Chairperson in the Chairperson’s absence.”

*with revision, “Acts on behalf of the Chairperson in the Chairperson’s absence.*

*May also include, but is not limited to:*

*Based on workflow, collaborates with the Commission Chair to accomplish goals. Support the growth, development, and productivity of the Commission as needed. Maintains a positive and productive relationship with the Nevada Department of Business and Industry via the Management Analyst.”*

When it comes to the meaning of a word, if a word is not defined by statute the general rule is that you go by its commonly understood meaning. While this is something more than just the definition of a word, it is arguable that the same maxim would apply and, assuming that is the case, the commonly understood meaning of a “vice chair” could be:

***“a member of a committee, board, group, etc., designated as immediately subordinate to a chairman and serving as such in the latter's absence; a person who acts for and assists a chairman.”***

This was pulled from a standard google search (<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/vice-chairman>).

I haven’t found additional legislative intent for guidance but if the above is true it would appear that to define the vice chair as a co-lead would arguably be contrary to the statute.