## **Last-Minute Withdrawals from Teams**

- a. In the event a team chair must withdraw from a team:
  - 1. More than three weeks before a visit is scheduled to begin:
    - i. Another member of the team, if eligible, will be designated as the chair or an individual, eligible to chair, will be named as the new team chair.
    - ii. In the event another member of the team is designated as the chair, a new team member will be nominated to complete the team roster
    - iii. The program will be notified of the changes and given the opportunity to challenge the new team member, if the program has not already exhausted their challenges.
    - 2. Less than three weeks before a visit is scheduled to begin:
      - i. The program will be notified and given the following options:
        - 1. Postpone the visit to a later date during the regular visit season, but not later than April 20 for spring visits and November 15 for fall visits.
        - 2. Postpone the visit to the next visit window (spring visits may be postponed to the fall; fall visits may be postponed to the following spring). The effective date of a decision will be January 1 of the year in which the visit was originally scheduled to take place.
        - Accept a replacement team member or team chair assigned as described above and waive the right to challenge the new team member or team chair.
      - ii. The program must communicate the choice to the NAAB in writing within 48 hours of being notified.
      - iii. The NAAB will be responsible for additional fees or fare changes required as the result of postponing the visit.
- b. In the event a team member must withdraw from a team:
  - 1. More than three weeks before a visit is scheduled to begin:
    - The NAAB will notify the program that a team member has had to withdraw and nominate a new team member
    - ii. The program will have 24 hours to approve or challenge the new team member.
  - 2. Less than three weeks before a visit is scheduled to begin:
    - i. The NAAB will notify the program that a team member has had to withdraw and the program may choose:
    - ii. To conduct the visit with a smaller team
    - iii. To accept without challenge a replacement team member
  - 3. The choice must be communicated to the NAAB in writing within 48 hours of being notified.
  - 4. In the event the team member is an AIAS representative, he/she will not be replaced and the visit will proceed with a smaller team.
- c. Under all circumstances the withdrawal and the resolution will be recorded for the record in the program's file for that visit.
- d. Any team member who withdraws and is not replaced, but has already booked air travel through the NAAB will be responsible for the expense of the ticket.