Resolution for Qualified Sponsoring Organization (QSO) Best Practices 2026

Pursuant to Iowa Code 99F.5 the Commission is tasked with licensing QSOs. In order to ensure each QSO maintains its good standing as a licensee and conducts its business in a manner consistent with Commission expectations, the Commission has established the following best practices:

- Establish and enforce term limits so no one member can serve more than six consecutive years.
- Establish and enforce a minimum period of time of at least one term in which an individual must cycle off the QSO Board prior to serving again.
- Establish a minimum number of seven QSO Board members.
- Establish and regularly review and update conflict of interest policies and procedures.
- Establish a Governance Committee to regularly review the QSO's compliance with its by-laws.
- Consider grant distribution policies that reflect distributions to ancillary Iowa counties, especially if a good portion of revenue is received from patrons outside the county where the casino is located.
- Establish transparency with the public and applicants at every stage by, at a minimum, maintaining an up-to-date website that prominently provides the following:
    - Grant application process including grant policy, instructions, deadlines and application form;
    - Detailed list of grant recipients organized by year and including name, purpose, amount and city and county;
    - Minutes of meetings;
    - QSO financials including operating budget.

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