

WAC 391-55-120 Dispute resolution panel—Referral and selection procedures. (1) All referrals from the dispute resolution panel shall be by random selection among the panel members eligible for the type of proceeding involved, subject to the following:

(a) If the parties do not specify the number of names requested, the agency shall supply seven names.

(b) Where the parties request a specific number of names, the agency shall supply the number requested plus two additional names for use as alternates to reduce the potential need for second lists, or for use as agreed by the parties.

(c) The agency shall furnish biographical information, including background, qualifications and experience, on each of the arbitrators on the list supplied to the parties.

(d) The agency shall supply the parties with a second list, upon submission of their joint written request.

(2) The parties may use any method agreed upon for selecting an impartial from the list provided by the agency. In the absence of agreement on any other method, they shall alternately strike names from the list, with the order of striking determined by lot.

(3) All contacts and arrangements between the parties and a selected dispute resolution panel member are the responsibility of the parties. The fees and travel expenses of the dispute resolution panel member shall be paid by the parties under applicable rules or as agreed by the parties.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110 and 41.58.050. WSR 99-14-060, § 391-55-120, filed 7/1/99, effective 8/1/99.]