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SARA Short: Policy Review Cycle

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Before we dive in ...

Let's Do a Poll!

How & Why Institutions Should Participate

WHY?

- Institutions are valued SARA constituents and are invited to have a voice in the process
- Most policy changes will have direct implications for institutions – it's important to stay informed about policy and to provide your input

HOW?

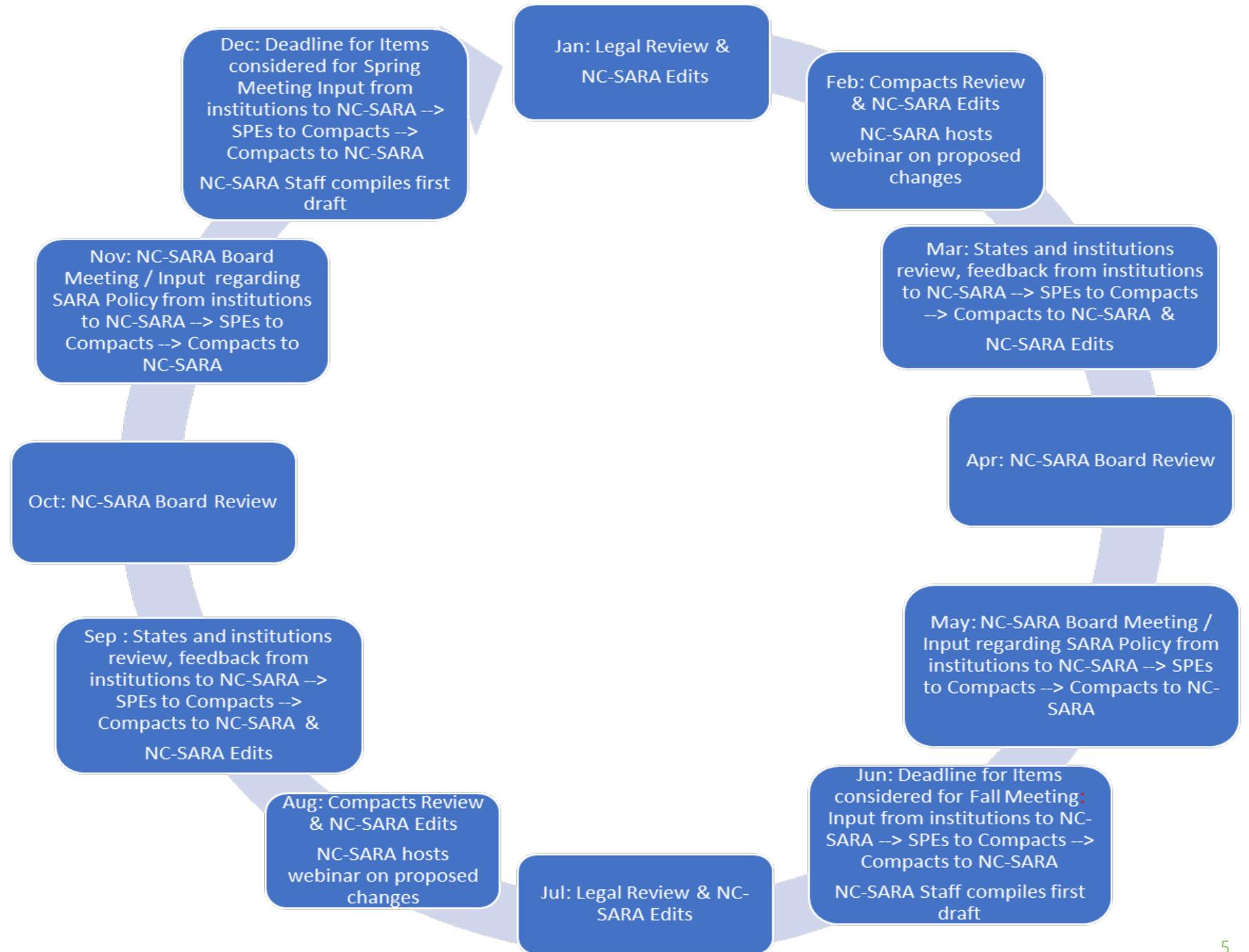
- NC-SARA shares public announcement on our website and emails SARA institution contacts
- SARA institution contacts receive a survey link to share input
- NC-SARA webinars share proposals and rationales, and also Board's actions
- Email info@nc-sara.org at any time!

Policy Proposals and Comments

NC-SARA calls for and welcomes proposals for and comments about SARA policy from many constituents, and shares all of them with the Board for their consideration and review in advance of their meeting:

- Participating institutions share proposals / comments through NC-SARA
- State members share proposals / comments through regional compacts: MHEC, NEBHE, SREB, and WICHE
- Proposals / comments from the public are shared through NC-SARA

Previous NC-SARA Policy Revision Cycle: 2 Times per Year



Why Transition to Once a Year?

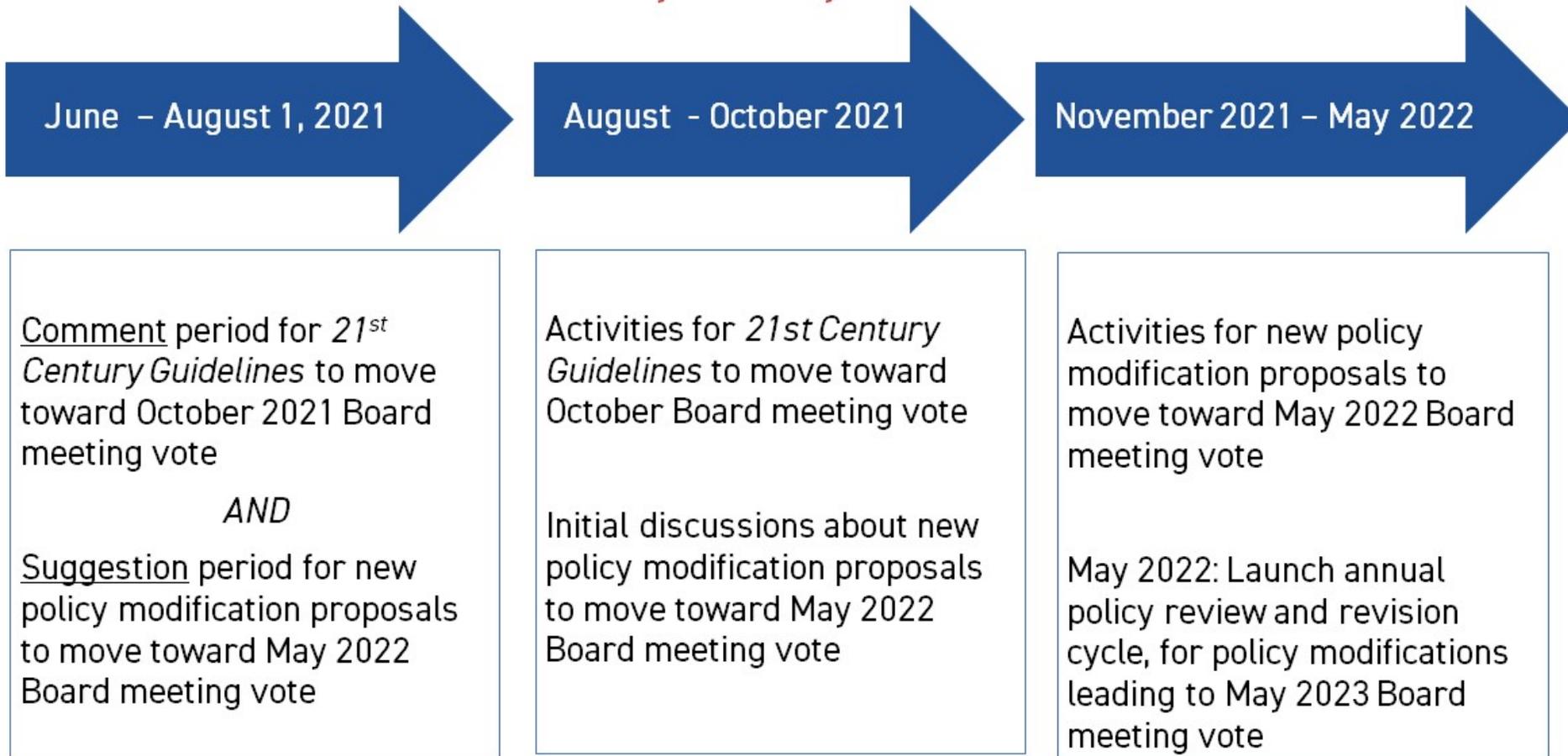
- SARA policy development has matured
- Constituents benefit from more time for substantive policy discussions prior to Board's vote
- Greater transparency and engagement for all stakeholders
- NC-SARA and regional compact staff will be better able to attend to the administration of the cycle
- Regional Steering Committees, State Portal Entities, and SARA participating institutions will have more time for engaging in the process



Per the NC-SARA board's by-laws, time-sensitive policy issues may be addressed by the NC-SARA board at any time should more urgent issues arise.

Policy Revision Cycle – Where We Are Now

Transition from Biannual to Annual Cycle for SARA Policy Review and Revision:
May 2021 – May 2022



Annual NC-SARA Policy Revision Cycle

Starting May 2022

October 28-29, 2021: NC-SARA October Board Meeting

NC-SARA board will convene and discuss and vote on the 21st Century Guidelines' inclusion in the SARA Policy Manual and implementation timeline.

November 1, 2021 – April 1, 2022: Final New Proposal Development

NC-SARA and regional compacts continue discussions regarding new proposals for policy modifications; finalize these proposals for the May 2022 board meeting. Some policy items that come forward during this transition time may not fit within this timeframe; proposed policy items may need further discussions and therefore may be moved forward to future NC-SARA board meetings.

May 2022: NC-SARA May Board Meeting

The NC-SARA board will convene and discuss and vote on proposed policy modifications.

Beginning in May 2022, NC-SARA and regional compacts will start the next annual cycle, leading to policy items for the May 2023 NC-SARA board meeting.

Questions and Discussion



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