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I am an arbitrator out of the LA office. In reading the communication about the proposed changes to the requirements for chairpersons, I would like to suggest one I believe to be important. I believe a person serving as the chair should have attended at least one previous arbitration. Obviously, I had this situation arise. Our chair had no experience and had completed her training some 6-7 years previously. It was just fortunate that the third arbitrator also serves as a chairperson and was carrying a script.

I submitted this small suggestion at the time to our LA office and perhaps this is now used in some manner.

Thank you

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