

The Board of Directors of the Association of Research Libraries has appointed a Board Governance Committee to advise the Board as well as the Executive Committee in managing the internal governance affairs of the Board. The Board has adopted this charge to give the Governance Committee guidance in its operation and responsibilities.

Membership

The Governance Committee will consist of at least one (1) board member plus the committee chair who will be the past-president of the Association. The committee will normally consist of four board members including the committee chair.

Meetings

The Governance Committee will meet at least twice a year with additional meetings, including meetings between meetings of the full board, scheduled by the chair or at the request of at least two committee members as necessary to conduct its business.

Committee Responsibilities

Committee responsibilities are outlined below. The committee may consider additional responsibilities from time to time in addition to those listed that clearly falls under this charge. The Executive Committee and/or the full board may also assign additional tasks. The general responsibilities of the committee are to:

1. Recommend the membership of all Board committees unless the membership is otherwise determined by Board policy or the ARL Bylaws through the Executive Committee to the Board.
2. Provide consultation to the Past President on the appointment of a Nominating Committee for election of members to the Board of Directors in accordance with Article IV, section 1 of the Association Bylaws.
3. Recommend annually to the Board a procedure for choosing the Vice President – President Elect of the Association.
4. Review and advise on the orientation of new members of the Board of Directors.
5. Conduct survey of Board members from time to time to assess effectiveness of the Board and report to the Board on the results.
6. Plan a Board retreat on a time frame to be established by the Executive Committee and Board.
7. Review annually this charge and recommend any changes to the Board.