

Governance Committee

Purpose

Per the ARL Bylaws Article VIII, the Governance Committee assists with the work of the Board and to carry out the business of the Board and the Association.

Charge

The Governance Committee is a Board committee that advises the Board as well as the Executive Committee on managing the governance affairs of the Association.

Membership

- The committee is composed of four Board members.
- The Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors, selected from among the members of the Committee.
- Executive Director may serve as staff lead or delegate as appropriate.

Terms

A Board member of the Committee serves a three-year term unless elected as an officer of the association.

Meetings

- Meets in person at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board with monthly meetings between meetings of the full Board or scheduled by the chair at the request of at least two committee members.

Areas of Responsibility

- Recommends through the Executive Committee to the Board the membership of all Board committees unless the membership is otherwise determined by Board policy or the ARL Bylaws.

- Provides 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.
- Recommends annually to the Board a procedure for choosing the Vice President/President Elect of the Association.
- Reviews and advises on the orientation of new members of the Board of Directors in collaboration with the Member Engagement and Outreach Committee.
- Reviews and advises on the appointment process for committees and task forces.
- Conducts survey of Board members from time to time to assess the effectiveness of the Board, and report to the Board on the results.
- Plans a Board retreat on a time frame to be established by the Executive Committee and Board.
- Reviews and advises on ARL policies; conduct review of all policies on a three-year cycle.
- Reviews the charge annually and recommends any changes to the Board.

Decision-Making

- Monitors Association Bylaws and Policies for accuracy and recommends changes as needed to the Board of Directors.

Code of Conduct

The committee adheres to the ARL Code of Conduct in all of its deliberations and activities.

Approved by the Board of Directors, February 23, 2022