

Governance Committee

Purpose

Per the ARL Bylaws Article VI, the Governance Committee assists with the work of the Board 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.
- The Executive Director may serve as staff lead or delegate as appropriate.

Terms

A Board member of the Committee serves a three-year term.

Meetings

- Meets before all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board.
- Additional meetings may be scheduled at the request of ARL Staff or the Committee Chair.

Areas of Responsibility

- Reviews and advises on the appointment process for committees and task forces.
- Conducts surveys of Board members from time to time to assess the effectiveness of the Board, and report to the Board on the results.

- Reviews and advises on ARL policies; conduct review of all policies on a five-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.

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