

## AGU Membership

**Board of Directors**  
(Governing board responsible for business affairs)

**Executive director/CEO facilitates relationships**

**AGU Council**  
(Assembly responsible for scientific affairs)

**Board Composition**

- Chaired by AGU president
- AGU officers and six directors elected by the membership
- Two directors nominated by president and approved by Board
- Vice-chair of Council
- Development Board chair
- Executive director/CEO (nonvoting)

**Sample Board Functions**

- Approve and monitor budget
- Start or terminate programs
- Oversee organizational policies
- Hire and assess executive director/CEO
- Ensure conduct of annual financial audit
- Oversee Ethics program

**Council Composition**

- Chaired by AGU president-elect
- Section/Focus Group presidents and presidents-elect
- Six students and early career scientists
- Committee chairs
- Up to five appointed members
- AGU president and executive director/CEO (nonvoting)

**Sample Council Functions**

- Organize AGU science structure
- Develop science policy
- Oversee awards and medals
- Oversee Fellows program

**Shared Relationships**

- AGU president serves as Board chair and Council member (nonvoting)
- AGU president-elect serves as Board member and Council chair
- Council vice-chair serves as Board member
- Executive director/CEO serves as Board and Council member (nonvoting)
- Committee chairs on Council
- Board members encouraged to attend December Council meeting

**Shared Functions**

- Governance Committee – past president and three members appointed by Board and three by Council
- Strategic planning
- Interactive external policy development/approval
- Bylaws changes
- Publications
- Meetings
- Outreach activities