AGU American Geophysical Union

STRUCTURE

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

Council Composition
- Chaired by AGU president-elect
- Section/Focus Group presidents and presidents-elect
- Three students and three 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
- Oversee Ethics 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 elected by Board and three by Council
- Strategic planning
- Interactive external policy development/approval
- Bylaws changes
- Publications
- Meetings
- Outreach activities