

Meeting Outcomes and Key Messages

**Council Meeting
4 December 2011**



State of the Union

The Council received updates from the President, President-Elect, and Executive Director/CEO regarding AGU's progress in implementing its strategic plan and emerging issues.

All three State of the Union reports are posted on the AGU website on the strategic plan page.



Actions Taken

- Addressed the following proposals from the Publications Committee:
 - Approved the revised Editor in Chief job description.
 - Approved the revised Editor in Chief search committee process.
 - Referred the revised data policy back to the committee for a Council comment period and agreed to vote on approval via conference call after the comment review.
 - Approved the revised dual/prior publication policy.
 - Endorsed a feasibility study for two potential journals.



Actions Taken

- Approved realigning the Fellows program under the purview of the Honors and Recognition Committee so that the program will follow the same timelines and conflict of interest policy as awards, medals, and prizes.
- Approved increasing the size of the Council Leadership Team to 9 members.



Actions Taken

- Approved creation of 3 student positions and 3 early career scientist positions on the Council starting in 2013.
- Approved the consent agenda.



Review and Discussion

- Reviewed a summary of three distinct Council roles and examples of work Council has done in each:
 - Policy formation related to the science of the Union.
 - Science deliberation and idea generation.
 - Advisor on science and member issues that have scientific components and span other functions of the Union.



Review and Discussion

- Discussed the Outreach Committee's revised position statement process, and agreed to provide Section/Focus Group feedback on reformatted position statements and additional position statements needed.
- Provided feedback to the Meetings and Program committees on recent challenges associated with the Fall Meeting and discussed ways to facilitate development of inter- and transdisciplinary meetings.



Review and Discussion

- Discussed 2011 year-to-date financials, 2012 operating plan highlights and budget, and multiyear financial and operational planning efforts.
- Explored possibilities and perspectives regarding development of an interdisciplinary, multiyear Grand Challenge associated with AGU's upcoming centennial in 2019.



Review and Discussion

- Provided input to the Honors and Recognition Committee on: (1) naming a broad program of awards that would recognize achievement in areas outside of or spanning scientific disciplines; and (2) distinguishing it from the Fellows program and making it prestigious in its own right.
- Reviewed the Governance Committee's timeline and process for the 2012 elections and provided input on: (1) criteria for Section/Focus Group leadership; (2) criteria for service on the Council; (3) major responsibilities of Section/Focus Group officers; and (3) resources needed for effective leadership.



Review and Discussion

- Requested a review of OSPA process, including the process for identification of judges and session liaisons and clarification of their responsibilities and commitments.

