AGU Structure

AGU Membership

Executive director facilitates relationships

Board of Directors

(Governing board responsible for business affairs)

AGU Council

(Assembly responsible for scientific affairs)

Board Composition

- 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 (nonvoting)

Sample Board Functions

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

Council Composition

- Chaired by Union president-elect
- Section presidents and presidents-elect
- Focus Group chairs
- Committee chairs
- Up to five appointed members

Sample Council Functions

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

Shared Relationships

- AGU president-elect as chair of Council
- Council vice-chair on Board
- Committee chairs on Council
- Board encouraged to attend Council meetings

Shared Functions

- Nominating Committee—past 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