

Advisory Board for the AGU Natural Hazards Focus Group

Terms of Reference

- The Advisory Board is established by the decision of the Executive Committee of the AGU Natural Hazards Focus Group on 18 December 2009.
- The purpose of the Advisory Board is to evaluate the activity of the Focus Group and elaborate the vision of the group for future activities.
- The Advisory Board shall:
 1. advise on strategy in natural hazards research development and prepare a biennial report on the strategic plans for the Focus Group;
 2. provide guidance and constructive criticism to help chartering the Group's activities;
 3. provide guidance and facilitate communication with other AGU sections and focus groups;
 4. advise on cooperation between AGU and other bodies dealing with natural hazards; and
 5. advise on new awards and honors in recognition of natural hazards research and mitigation of disaster risks.
- The Advisory Board will be appointed by the Focus Group Chair and should be composed of AGU Sections representatives (up to 2 representatives). The Vice-Chair of the AGU Natural Hazards Focus Group should serve as Chair of the Advisory Board. Representatives of external institutions with expertise in natural hazards (not more than 3 representatives) can be invited to join the Advisory Board by the Chair of the Board.
- Decisions of the Board shall be taken by a simple absolute majority. If a tie should occur in a Board vote, the decision shall rest with the Chair. A simple majority is determined by the proportion of affirmative votes to the sum of votes (affirmative, negative, abstention), provided that the total number of members voting (affirmative, negative, abstention) is not less than one third of the total membership of the Board.
- Term of office of the Advisory Board members shall be 2 years, but may be extended for a further period of not more than 2 years. Replacement of members shall be in a staggered manner in order to ensure efficient and continuous functioning of the Board.
- The Board shall submit a report to the focus group's Secretary by 1 December annually.