

The Leadership Development / Governance Committee is asking for your help.

The committee runs the nominations and elections process for AGU and would like your help identifying leadership candidates for the 2026 AGU Election held next September. There are open Board and Council positions. The Board of Directors are the fiduciaries, responsible for the overall health of the organization (financial, strategic, reputational, legal, etc.). The Council is a forum of perspectives providing input on science and member issues to the Board, other volunteer groups and staff.

We are looking for visionary candidates willing to consider the big picture who can contribute diverse leadership perspectives and expertise to implement [AGU's Strategic Plan](#). We encourage nominees who demonstrate 1 or more of the competencies in the critical areas below to apply. Membership is not required to apply or nominate others. **It takes only a few minutes to submit names!**

Who comes to mind when you read the expertise and perspectives we are looking for?

Stewardship & Strategic Excellence:

- Governance & fiduciary responsibility
- Development & philanthropy
- Innovative, mission-aligned revenue models including the future of publications & meetings
- Membership affiliation & engagement
- Strategic decision making & change leadership

Scientific Engagement:

- Broad intellectual curiosity & vision
- Emerging science technology, clean energy
- Open science, open data, data governance
- Bridging discovery & solution-based science
- Evaluating and sharing new scientific products and processes

Ethics, Equity & Inclusion:

- Ethical frameworks
- Equity issues, especially climate change, energy & AI
- Environmental justice
- Cultural awareness & sensitivity
- Talent pool & capacity building

Partnership & Collaboration:

- Advancing trust & credibility
- Sustainable partnerships, networks & consensus building
- Engaging with community colleges &/or minority-serving Institutions
- Community engagement, scientific co-creation & decision-making
- Advocacy & policy making
- Collaboration between volunteers & staff

The deadline for nominations is 16 January 2026.

You can nominate yourself or others using an online form: <https://bit.ly/AGUElect2026> or using the QR code.

Once the committee reviews all names, potential candidates will be invited to apply if they are interested.

Interested in other volunteering at AGU? You can find more information and show your interest at <https://bit.ly/VolunteerForAGU>

