

GSA International Committee

Committee Rules and Guidelines

This committee will operate in accordance with GSA Guidelines for All Committees (attached).

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Serve as GSA's coordination and communication resource seeking to promote, create, and enhance opportunities for international cooperation related to the scientific, educational, and outreach missions shared by GSA and like-minded professional societies, educational institutions, and government agencies. Build collaborative relationships with Divisions and Associated Societies in International issues and serve as channel for member generated proposals for international themes.

MEMBERS and TERMS

The Committee will consist of 12 voting members, each serving 4-year terms and will be chaired by an International Secretary responsible to Council. The Committee can have up to two non-voting headquarters members including a GSA staff liaison person and the Executive Director.

Committee Members (appointed by Council through the Nominations Committee)

1. International Secretary/Chair
2. Secretary (newsletter coordinator and other duties)
3. Chair of International Interdisciplinary Interest Group
4. Chair of Subcommittee for Proposals for International Meetings
5. Chair of International Awards Subcommittee
6. Chair of International Distinguished Lectureship (former lecturer or member-at-large)
7. Coordinator of International Travel Grants and Awards Program
8. International Technical Program Representative to serve on JTPC
9. Representative of an International Associated Society
10. Member-at-large (North American)
11. Member-at-large (outside North America)
12. GSA Council Liaison (sitting council member)
13. GSA Executive Director (non-voting)
14. GSA Staff Liaison (non-voting)

COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE

The Committee is chaired by an International Secretary, who is responsible to and appointed by GSA Council. The Chair recommends strategic and tactical opportunities to Council. The Committee organizes activities by forming task-oriented teams, sub-committees and ad-hoc committees, the member of which may include individuals who are not members of the Committee.

A Vice Chair can be selected by the Committee from amongst the voting members.

The Chair will submit a budget proposal to the GSA Executive Director and Executive Committee regarding strategic initiatives and activities that align with the GSA Strategic Plan. The annual work plan and Committee activities will be dependent upon the ability to secure support and funding from various sources.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The Committee will meet in-person during the Annual Meeting and additional phone conference and email discussions relating to activities and work plan. The Chair may call for a face-to-face meeting in the spring if required to undertake Committee business. Most Committee business will be conducted through email correspondence and conference calls. No specific travel support will be granted from Committee funds for the Committee meeting during the Annual Meeting.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

The Committee Chair and Secretary will jointly organize and prepare a report to GSA Council for the April/May Council meeting and for the Annual Meeting Council meeting.

CURRENT GSA STAFF LIAISON

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