

Charter – AGeS³ Steering Committee

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Committee Purpose and Charge

The AGeS³ *Steering Committee* provides top level governance representing the AGeS community and directly advises the AGeS project leadership team. The AGeS³ community includes the hundreds from across the Earth sciences who have and will engage in AGeS through collaborative science, training, review, and governance activities. The committee will guide, shape, and refine AGeS³, strengthen and diversify the impact of AGeS³, facilitate communication with the groups that each Steering Committee member represents, assist with the annual AGeS³ virtual community meetings, and enable effective coordination with other geochronology leadership groups.

Membership

The number of members on the Steering Committee is typically **ten**, with **two** ex officio members. Membership includes:

- Four geochronology subfield representatives: These reps are broadly categorized as high-temperature, low-temperature, Quaternary, and general.
- Two AGeS Review Committee representatives: One of the reps is from the AGeS-Grad review committee, which conducts its activities in the spring of each year. The other rep is from the AGeS-DiG or AGeS-TRaCE review committee, which conducts its activities in the fall of each year.
- One AGeS Network Committee representative.
- One representative with experience in BAJEDI topics. This individual may be selected from among the AGeS-DiG awardees, or may be any colleague with expertise in BAJEDI topics who is positioned to provide BAJEDI guidance to the AGeS program.
- One representative from the Geochronology Division of the Geological Society of America (and nominated by that group).
- One representative from other national strategic geochronology initiatives, such as that associated with efforts to move forward a National Geochronology Consortium.
- The two ex officio Steering Committee members are from the AGeS project leadership team (Becky Flowers and Ramon Arrowsmith, AGeS³ lead PI and co-PI).

Selection

AGeS leadership initially selects and recruits members. Once constituted, the committee will work with AGeS leadership to identify and nominate new members. The committee will annually elect its chair.

Term of Office

Six of the committee members serve a term of three years. Some of the initial appointments may need to be cycled through a shorter term to maintain a rotating membership.

Four committee members – the representatives of the GSA Geochronology Division, the Network Committee, and the two Review Committees - may rotate annually, but their term cannot exceed 3 years.

Member Responsibilities

Each member of the Steering Committee is expected to:

1. Actively participate in the functioning of the Steering Committee and provide broad representation of and communication with the groups that each member represents.
2. Attend to the scheduled business of the committee, which is typically conducted in several 90-minute virtual meetings annually with occasional email consultation. This business includes advising and providing feedback to the AGeS leadership team, discussing and ratifying major AGeS strategy decisions, identifying and nominating new Review Committee members, and helping shape the three micro-funding programs (Grad, DiG, TRaCE). Input will especially be sought in the launch of the new TRaCE (Training and Community Engagement) program. The agenda for Steering Committee meetings will be set by AGeS leadership in collaboration with the Steering Committee chair.
3. Help construct the agenda for and engage in the annual 1-2 day AGeS virtual community meeting.

Steering Committee chair

1. A committee chair will be selected annually by the Steering Committee membership.
2. The chair is responsible for writing a short report from each Steering Committee meeting that summarizes the meeting discussion. This report may be included in the AGeS annual report for NSF.
3. The chair is responsible for managing the Steering Committee meeting when the committee goes into executive session without AGeS leadership present. The chair will then formally communicate any key recommendations and outcomes of this discussion with AGeS leadership.