



Charge to the 2023 ARCUS Membership Committee

Overview

The ARCUS Membership Committee is an ARCUS standing committee established by the Board of Directors to play an active volunteer leadership role in building and sustaining the ARCUS member relationships that are the cornerstone of ARCUS community building efforts and that are necessary to realize the ARCUS mission, vision, and strategic plan goals and objectives.

Membership Terms

ARCUS Board service is not a requirement of committee membership. Members may be appointed at any time by the ARCUS Board Chair based on the current needs and requirements of the committee. Committee appointments will be for year-long durations, and may be renewed indefinitely at the invitation of current committee chairs .

The Membership Committee Chair will lead the committee's work. The Chair or Co-chairs will be appointed by the ARCUS Board of Directors President and will serve a one-year term taking office on 1 January. Establishing the Membership committee leadership arrangement will be at the discretion of the ARCUS Board President and is intended to be adaptive to ARCUS needs.

Operating Principles:

- The Membership committee will typically meet 6 times per year (minimum 4 times per year), usually by Zoom videoconference.
- Members unable to participate regularly in committee activities (e.g., attending fewer than 65% of meetings) may be asked by the Committee Chair to step off the committee to make room for others with more time to participate.
- Although it is not a requirement for committee appointment, Membership committee members are encouraged to join ARCUS as an individual member &/ or, if appropriate, to encourage their home organization to become an ARCUS institutional member.
- No minimum or maximum number of committee members is required, however, maintaining a committee size of 5-10 members is encouraged.

The Committee is charged with the following, to achieve ARCUS' strategic objectives:

- Participate in membership engagement and retention activities.
- Plan and support relationship-building activities with ARCUS members and the wider Arctic research community, including planning and hosting the ARCUS Annual Meeting.
- Develop check-in mechanisms for new and existing ARCUS Institutional Representatives and individual members.
- Help build and maintain strong two-way communication channels between ARCUS and our membership community.

- Collaborate with other ARCUS Board and ad-hoc committees as needed to inform the annual goals of the Membership Committee.

In particular, the ARCUS Membership committee plays an important role in achieving the following Goals and Objectives from the current [ARCUS Strategic Plan](#):

Goal 2: Enhance the Effectiveness of Arctic Research Communications:

- Objective 2.3: Work with ARCUS Members to Prioritize and Address the Critical Needs of the ARCUS Community
- Objective 2.4: Build Awareness of and Cultivate Group Identity Between ARCUS, our Members, and our Partners

Goal 4: Secure Resources to Support the ARCUS Mission:

- Objective 4.1: Expand and Sustain a Diverse and Inclusive ARCUS Membership
- Objective 4.2: Strengthen ARCUS' Organizational Capacity
- Objective 4.3: Diversify ARCUS' Funding Sources
- Objective 4.4: Grow Reserves to Adapt and Respond to New Opportunities