

IWA Strategic Council – Terms of Reference

The Strategic Council will provide advice to the Governing Assembly, Board of Directors and the Executive Director regarding long-range issues, plans, activities and programmes that will further the Association's goals and objectives. In addition the Council will assist in the coordination of the work of various specialist groups, task groups, clusters, task forces and other working groups of the Association.

Membership

The Council shall consist of a Chairman (appointed by the Board of Directors), and approximately forty further members. Its membership will be composed of a balanced representation from specialist groups, member segments, low and middle income countries, young water professionals and other internal and external committees and agencies. Membership shall be rotated to assure continued representation by individuals and groups that are active in international water matters of all kinds. All members of the Council should be members of IWA either individually or as a nominated representative via their employer.

Terms of Office

1. The term of office shall be for 2 years.
2. No member shall serve more than 3 consecutive terms except by specific consent of the Board.
3. However a Committee member may serve up to 4 consecutive terms provided the final 2 terms are as Committee Chairperson.

Meetings

The Council will meet at least once annually and be supported by the Association Headquarters staff. In accordance with IWA's general travel policy costs incurred travelling to and attending the meetings are not eligible for reimbursement by the Association.

Responsibilities

1. Guide the strategic plan to promote a progressive agenda aimed at meeting both internal and external objectives
2. Provide advice to board of directors and governing assembly
3. Stimulate and promote specialist groups activities and their collaboration
4. Stimulate and promote new interest groups, new activities and their connections with others in IWA
5. Review policies and position materials

Summary nomination and election process for the Strategic Council (proposed changes highlighted in red)

Segment	Composition	Nomination / Election Process
Member Segments	14 representatives 1 Research Institutes 1 Individual researchers 5 Utilities 2 Consultants 2 Regulators 1 Large Industry Users 1 Technology Suppliers 1 Other segments	<u>Nominations</u> Any IWA member can seek endorsement from their Governing Member. Governing Members provided with minimum criteria to guide their endorsement. If member is not working / studying in a country with an active Governing Member, they can seek endorsement from an alternative Governing Member. Strategic Council Chair can endorse nominations. <u>Elections</u> Each Governing Member can vote once for each member segment.
LAMIC Professionals	5 representatives "at-large" and assigned to the professional segments - principally via the utilities, consultant and regulator segments. In summary: +2 LAMIC Utilities +1 LAMIC Consultants +1 LAMIC Regulators +1 LAMIC 'Other'	<u>Nominations</u> Any IWA LAMIC member can seek endorsement from any active Governing Member. <u>Elections</u> Each LAMIC Governing Member can vote once for each member segment.
YWP Professionals	5 representatives; similar model to LAMIC Professionals: +2 YWP Utilities +1 YWP Consultants +1 YWP Regulators +1 YWP 'Other' 2 out of the 5 are taken by Emerging Water Leaders (EWL) Committee representatives	<u>Nominations</u> 2 out of 5: appointed by the EWL committee 3 out of 5: Same as member segments (any IWA YWP member can seek endorsement from their Governing Member) <u>Elections</u> 2 out of 5: appointed by EWL committee 3 out of 5: same as member segments
Specialist Groups	15 representatives, 3 out of the 15 are taken by Cluster chairs.	<u>Nominations</u> Nominations from Specialist Groups (1 per group). <u>Election</u> Chairs of clusters are automatically elected to the Council. Each Specialist Group can vote for one candidate.
Chair	1 representative – appointed by the President, segment / SG seat vacated	
GWRC	1	
Total	41	