



OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

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MEMBERSHIP

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Council of 1890 University Presidents (C1890P) is composed of the presidents and chancellors of the nineteen 1890 Land-grant institutions in the United States. The members of the Council are also members of the APLU Council of Presidents (CoP).

PURPOSE

The Council

- (1) Provides a forum for discussion of all topics related to education, research, community engagement, and extension for 1890 Land-grant institutions, and a structure for the development of initiatives and fundraising strategies to accomplish their goals.
- (2) Advance the public's understanding and appreciation of the value of 1890 Land-Grant universities.
- (3) Develops positions and priority areas for congressional and executive branch advocacy that impact the 1890 Land-grant institutions in consultation and collaboration with APLU's Office of Governmental Affairs, Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, and other relevant offices.
- (4) Shares unique experiences and priorities of 1890's institutions with APLU to help inform the association's broader agenda on behalf of its members.
- (5) Collaborates with the 1890 Universities Foundation and other associations focused on the 1890 Land-grant institutions to further their goals in these areas.

OFFICERS

The governance and strategic direction of the Council are entrusted to its Executive Officers, working in close partnership with an APLU staff liaison. The APLU staff liaison provides essential support to the Executive Officers and the full Council membership by:

- Organizing meeting logistics (registration, venue, etc.) for in-person and virtual convenings
- Coordinating and distributing council communications
- Collaborating on development of meeting agendas
- Tracking Officer terms and managing electoral processes
- Serving as the chief point of contact for any Council member who has questions or suggestions for the Council or APLU in general.

The Executive Officers consist of the following positions:

- Chair
- Chair-Elect
- Past-Chair (Immediate) and
- Two (2) At-Large Members.

The Chair is expected to preside over all meetings of the Council. The Chair-Elect or the Past-Chair may preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair.

Each Officer is elected to serve a two-year term, starting with the Council's Annual Business Meeting that takes place in conjunction with the APLU Annual Meeting. The terms of the At-Large members are staggered to end one year apart. The Chair-Elect automatically becomes the Chair at the end of their term.

The election of the At-Large members takes place during the Council's Annual Business Meeting. At the request of the Executive Officers, an At-Large member may be permitted to serve consecutive terms. For continuity, an At-Large member may also be permitted to advance to the position of Chair-Elect as deemed appropriate by the Officers.

Vacancies arising between annual meetings may be filled by appointment by the Officers upon recommendation from the nominating committee. The terms of any such appointment shall end at the subsequent Annual Business Meeting of the Council at which an election shall be held to fill the remaining portion of the term vacated.

Representative to the APLU Board of Directors

The Chair serves as the Council's Representative to the APLU Board of Directors for the duration they hold that office.

Leadership of the 1890 Universities Foundation Board of Directors

The Chair and Chair-Elect of the Council provide leadership for the 1890 Universities Foundation Board of Directors.

ELECTIONS

The Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, and the APLU staff liaison shall constitute the nominating committee. The committee will gather nominations from the members of the Council, and after review and further discussions with the nominees, form a slate of candidates for the open positions to be presented to the Council for their election.

MEETINGS

The Officers of the Council, with assistance from the APLU staff liaison, are expected to organize and conduct at least two meetings each year for the entire membership of the Council, the Summer Meeting and Annual Business meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair of the Council, or by request from at least NINE (9) members of the Council.

The Council holds its Annual Business Meeting in conjunction with the APLU Annual Meeting. During the Annual Business Meeting, members discuss council affairs, review activities from the past year and establish the Council's agenda for the following year. This will include activities central to carrying out congressional and federal relations.

The Council holds a Summer Meeting to review progress on its agenda, exchange ideas and share expertise. The Council is encouraged to develop programming in collaboration with other 1890 associations and/or the leadership of other public and private enterprises central to advancing the 1890 mission.

AMENDMENTS

These Operational Guidelines may be amended by a majority vote of the Council. Members of the Council shall be given advance notice of any proposed amendment for their review and feedback in advance of their vote on the amendment.