



Section 12

Practice

NUMBER 12.1 VICE PRESIDENT OF PRACTICE

EFFECTIVE: 2017 FALL BOARD MEETING

POLICY

The Vice President of Practice shall serve as the spokesperson for the practice community in INFORMS and advocate for the practice and application of operations research and analytics. The VP of Practice is elected for a two-year term by the membership of INFORMS, normally an INFORMS general election, according to the bylaws of the organization. Candidates for the position should have demonstrated experience in practice leadership along with active participation in the functions of the Institute. The VP may run unopposed for a second two-year term.

PROCEDURES

Board Liaison

The VP of Practice shall serve as the liaison between the INFORMS Board of Directors (henceforth referred to as “the Board”) and the Roundtable Board. The VP of Practice shall proactively oversee the Roundtable and all other practice-related committees and groups. The VP of Practice also serves as the Board's liaison to the INFORMS Section on Practice and the Edelman Awards Gala Committee.

Functions

For the Roundtable and those committees/groups for which the VP Practice is the Board liaison, s/he shall provide oversight on behalf of the Board to ensure that the groups are fulfilling their responsibilities. The VP of Practice shall communicate with the Roundtable and the practice-related committees/groups periodically (typically quarterly) to request updates on the progress and accomplishments of the committees/groups. The VP of Practice is available to provide information or assistance to committees/groups needing help addressing any issues that may arise.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1 General Committee Procedures
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 4.3 Nominations and Elections for the Board
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 4.5 Board Liaisons
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 4.9 INFORMS Office and the Roundtable
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 6.1 General Information on Awards
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 6.7 Franz Edelman Award Committee
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 6.20 Edelman Awards Gala

NUMBER 12.2 PRACTICE STRATEGY COMMITTEE

EFFECTIVE: 2017 FALL BOARD MEETING

POLICY

The purpose of the Practice Strategy Committee is to devise plans for addressing the identified needs of organizations and practitioners. In particular, the committee's mission is to propose and advocate for the development of initiatives, services, and programs that serve the broad operations research/analytics practice community as a means of enhancing the engagement of organizations and attracting/retaining practitioners in INFORMS.

PROCEDURES

Membership

The VP of Practice shall serve as the chair of this committee. As the "voice" of the practice community in INFORMS, the VP of Practice shall facilitate the strategic direction of practice and practitioner outreach activities. The members of the Practice Strategy Committee are appointed by the VP of Practice with approval of the Board. The chairs of the *Industry Outreach and Engagement Committee* (12.3) and the *Committee on Industry-Academia Collaborations* (12.4) will either appoint members of their committees to serve as liaisons to the Practice Strategy Committee or serve as the liaisons themselves. Normally, the committee will consist of 6-10 appointed members, representing different practice constituencies, including, but not limited to business, government, military, and non-profit organizations. All members shall serve for a 2-year term with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. New members will be appointed annually to stagger the terms and provide continuity. The VP of Practice has the option of replacing any members who are not fulfilling the obligations of committee membership on the Practice Strategy Committee. Committee members will be considered and selected based on their expertise and experience and with an awareness that diversity of background and thought is invaluable. The Director of Education and Industry Outreach shall be an *ex officio* (non-voting) member of the committee.

Relation to the Board

The Practice Strategy Committee will report to the Board through the VP of Practice. Reporting is by written and oral reports presented at Board Meetings during the INFORMS annual meetings.

Meetings

The committee will meet at least quarterly, including in person at the Business Analytics annual spring meeting and the annual fall meeting. Other meetings will take place as needed via any mode determined by the chair.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1 General Committee Procedures

NUMBER 12.3 COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA COLLABORATIONS

EFFECTIVE: 2017 FALL BOARD MEETING

POLICY

The Committee on Industry-Academia Collaborations is established for the purpose of facilitating strong partnerships between practice organizations and academic institutions as well as between practitioners and academics interested in the education and practice of operations research and analytics.

PROCEDURES

Membership

The Committee on Industry-Academia Collaborations shall consist of a chair, a vice chair, and at least six additional members, half of which are representative of different industry constituents and the other half representative of different academic institutional types. The chair and vice-chair will both be jointly appointed by the VP of Practice and the VP of Education with approval of the Board. The chair shall appoint the vice-chair and committee members, at least one being from the Industry Outreach and Engagement Committee and at least one from the University Analytics Programs' Committee. This committee will also be open to any INFORMS member who is interested in helping to develop partnership programs for practitioners and academics. The chair and vice-chair shall serve for a 3-year term with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. New members will be appointed annually to stagger the terms and provide continuity.

The committee may establish subcommittees, one of which is a standing committee responsible for organizing the annual event of the *Early Career Professionals' Network*. The chair shall appoint chairs of any subcommittees. Officers and committee members will be considered and selected based on their expertise and experience and with an awareness that diversity of background and thought is invaluable. The chair and vice-chair will be responsible for setting and facilitating the implementation of the strategic vision of the committee. The chair, vice-chairs, and chairs of any subcommittees will be the decision-making body of the committee. The Director of Education and Industry Outreach shall be an *ex officio* (non-voting) member of the committee.

Functions

The Committee will fulfill its charge by engaging in activities that include, but not limited to:

- Creating joint initiatives that promote long-term and productive partnerships;
- Advocating the exchange of ideas between industry and academia related to OR/analytics programs, course curricula, or projects that most effectively prepare students (undergraduate and graduate) for non-academic positions;
- Providing a network for early career professionals in industry and academia; and
- Supporting the development of the next generation of OR/analytics professionals.

Relation to the Board

It is expected that the committee reports regularly to the Practice Strategy Committee and the Education Strategy Committee. Formal written reports should be submitted at least one month prior to the INFORMS annual meetings.

Meetings

The committee will meet as needed, at least once in person at either the Business Analytics annual spring meeting or at the annual fall meeting. Other meetings, including those of the subcommittee(s), will take place as needed via any mode determined by the relevant chair.

Review

The Practice Strategy Committee will review the committee's work periodically, but not less than once every three years or before a chair is appointed/reappointed, to determine whether the P&P and the committee are still aligned and continuing to benefit INFORMS and our members.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1 General Committee Procedures
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 12.2 Practice Strategy Committee

NUMBER 12.4 INDUSTRY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

EFFECTIVE: 2017 FALL BOARD MEETING

POLICY

The Industry Outreach and Engagement Committee is established to: advocate to organizations the importance of operations research and analytics; create initiatives that enhance awareness of INFORMS as the leading professional association in operations research and analytics; develop and coordinate activities/resources to assist practice organizations; and design strategies that demonstrate INFORMS' value to organizations (government, military, consulting, software vendors, non-profits).

PROCEDURES

Membership

The Industry Outreach and Engagement Committee shall consist of a chair (appointed by the VP of Practice with approval of the Board) and two vice chairs along with any other INFORMS member who is interested in developing plans, conducting outreach, and engaging organizations. The vice-chairs shall be appointed by the chair. The chair shall serve a 2-year term with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. The vice-chairs shall serve for a 3-year term with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. Appointments will be made annually to stagger the terms and provide continuity. The chair and vice-chairs will be responsible for facilitating the implementation of the activities of the committee.

The committee may establish subcommittees, one of which is a standing subcommittee focused on the *Analytics Capability Evaluation* (formerly known as the Analytics Maturity Model). The committee chair shall appoint chairs of subcommittees. Officers will be considered and selected based on their expertise and experience and with an awareness that diversity of background and thought is invaluable. The chair, vice-chairs, and chairs of any subcommittees will be the decision-making body of the committee. The Director of Education and Industry Outreach shall be an *ex officio* (non-voting) member of the committee.

Relation to the Board

It is expected that the committee reports regularly to the Practice Strategy Committee. Formal written reports should be submitted at least one month prior to the INFORMS annual meetings.

Meetings

The committee will meet as needed, at least once in person at either the Business Analytics annual spring meeting or at the annual fall meeting. Other meetings, including those of the subcommittee(s), will take place as needed via any mode determined by the relevant chair.

Review

The Practice Strategy Committee will review the committee's work periodically, but not less than once every two years or before a chair is appointed/reappointed, to determine whether the P&P and the committee are still aligned and continuing to benefit INFORMS and our members.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1 General Committee Procedures
INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 12.2 Practice Strategy Committee