

**ASU Alumni Association
Governance Committee Report and Recommendations**

The following recommendations of the Governance Committee were unanimously approved by the Executive Committee of the ASU Alumni Association on January 7, 2008, and will be presented to the ASU Alumni Association Board of Directors for consideration and vote at their Board meeting on January 26, 2008.

Alumni Association Board of Directors

- The name of this group will be the “ASU Alumni Association Board of Directors” (hereafter “Board”).
- The purpose of the Board will be to:
 - Support and advocate for ASU and the Alumni Association.
 - Set policies and procedures for the Association.
 - Approve, monitor and support the strategic plan as developed by staff.
 - Ratify and /or approve the annual budget, audit and significant business decisions.
 - Serve as Ambassadors for the Alumni Association and University.
- Serve as fiduciaries of the ASU Alumni Association. There will be 14 voting members on the Board (including the President of the Association and the past Chairman of the Board).
- The Board will have the following committees: (1) Audit; and (2) Board Development (formerly known as the Nominating Committee). A Governance Committee will be convened on an as needed basis.
- The Board Development Committee will consider “competencies” when selecting potential Board members. Competencies will include, but not be limited to: (1) service to the Association; (2) service to the University; (3) service on the ASUAA Council; (4) Chapter or Club involvement.
- The members of the Board will also be part of the Council.
- Only Arizona State University graduates who are life members of the ASU Alumni Association will be considered for eligibility on the Board.
- Board members will serve 3 year terms, with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms (6 years).
- Board members will have staggered terms.
- Any vacant Board positions will be appointed by the Chair. The appointed Board member will fill the vacant position until the next round of nominations is completed.
- Board members will be expected to make a meaningful donation to the Alumni Association or sponsor an Alumni Association activity on a yearly basis.

- Board meetings will be quarterly, or as needed. Board members will be expected to attend Council meetings in addition to the scheduled Board meetings.
- There will be a Chair, Past Chair, Chair Elect and Treasurer as officers of the Board and Council. The Treasurer should be a finance professional or someone with proven experience in managing budgets.

ASU Alumni Council

- The name of this group will be the “ASU Alumni Council” (hereafter “Council”).
- The purpose of the Council will be to:
 - Serve as Ambassadors for ASU and the Alumni Association.
 - Assist in the engagement of alumni through special events and programs, such as Advocacy, Awards, Founders’ Day, Homecoming and the Medallion Scholarship Program.
 - Act as a sounding board to the University and Alumni Association.
 - Provide a pulse of what alumni are thinking (i.e. provide two way communication).
 - Assist in expanding the recruitment of Alumni Association members.
- There will be between 30-45 members on the Council. Membership on the Council will be phased in over time.
- The Council will have representation on the Board Development Committee (formerly known as the Nominating Committee).
- There will be no other standing committees on the Council.
- The Board Development Committee will be comprised of members of both the Board and Council who will consider “competencies” when selecting potential Board members. Competencies will include, but not be limited to: (1) service to the Association; (2) service to the University; (3) service on the ASUAA Council; and (4) Chapter or Club involvement.
- Only Arizona State University graduates who are active members of the ASU Alumni Association (i.e. annual or life members) will be considered for eligibility on the Council.
- Council members will serve 3 year terms, with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms (6 years).
- Council members will have staggered terms.
- Any vacant Council positions will be appointed by the Chair. The appointed Council member will fill the vacant position until the next round of nominations is completed.
- Council members will be expected to make a meaningful donation to the Alumni Association or sponsor an Alumni Association activity on a yearly basis.
- Council meetings will be two-three times per year.