

Section 12

Practice

NUMBER 12.1 VICE PRESIDENT OF PRACTICE

Revised: Fall 2017

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 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 INFORMS. The VP may run unopposed for a second two-year term.

PROCEDURES

Board Liaison

The VP Practice shall serve as the liaison between the INFORMS Board of Directors (henceforth referred to as "the Board") and the Roundtable Board. The VP Practice shall proactively oversee the Roundtable and all other practice-related committees and groups. The VP Practice also serves as the Board's liaison to the Certified Analytics Professional (CAP) Analytics Certification Board, 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, they shall provide oversight on behalf of the Board to ensure that the groups are fulfilling their responsibilities. The VP 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 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

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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 Practice shall serve as the chair of this committee. As the "voice" of the practice community in INFORMS, the VP Practice shall facilitate the strategic direction of practice and practitioner outreach activities. The members of the Practice Strategy Committee are appointed by the VP Practice with approval of the Executive Committee. 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. Terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the calendar year. New members will be appointed annually to stagger the terms and provide continuity. The VP 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 Programs 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 Practice. Written reports from the committee and all its subcommittees and ad hoc committees are due one month prior to the Spring and Fall Board meetings.

Meetings

The committee will meet at least quarterly.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1 General Committee Procedures

NUMBER 12.3 COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA COLLABORATIONS

Approved: Fall 2017

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 Practice and the VP 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 Professional 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 2-year term with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. All members shall serve 2-year terms with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. New members will be appointed annually to stagger the terms and provide continuity. Terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the calendar year.

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 Programs 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. Written reports from the committee and all its subcommittees are due to the VP Practice and the VP Education one month prior to the Spring and Fall Board meetings.

Meetings

The committee will meet at least quarterly.

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 Policies and Procedures 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

NUMBER 12.4 INDUSTRY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

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POLICY

The Industry Outreach and Engagement Committee is established to:

- advocate to decision makers at organizations the importance of the science and technology of decision making as represented by operations research, analytics, management science, economics, behavioral science, statistics, artificial intelligence, data science, applied mathematics, and other relevant fields;
- create initiatives that enhance awareness of INFORMS as the leading professional association in these fields;
- develop and coordinate activities/resources to assist leaders of practice organizations; and
- design strategies that demonstrate INFORMS' value to leaders of 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 Practice with approval of the Board) and a vice-chair along with any other INFORMS member who is interested in developing plans, conducting outreach, and engaging organizations. The vice-chair shall be appointed by the chair. The chair and vice-chair shall serve a 2-year term with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. All members shall serve 2-year terms with the possibility of reappointment for an additional term. Terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the calendar year. Appointments will be made annually to stagger the terms and provide continuity. The chair and vice-chair will be responsible for facilitating the implementation of the activities of the committee.

The committee may establish subcommittees The committee chair shall appoint chairs of subcommittees. Subcommittee chairs 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-chair, and subcommittee chairs will be the decision-making body of the committee. The Director of Education and Industry Programs 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. Written reports from the committee and all its subcommittees are due to the VP Practice one month prior to the Spring and Fall Board meetings.

Meetings

The committee will meet at least quarterly.

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 Policies and Procedures and the committee are still aligned and continuing to benefit INFORMS and our members.

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INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1 General Committee Procedures