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Executive Advisory Council

Goals

Provide guidance and strategic input to the NAYGN Board of Directors to ensure that NAYGN is supporting the needs of the nuclear industry.

As senior-level members of the nuclear industry, the EAC can promote NAYGN activities to ensure the voice of the young generation is heard.

Background and Purpose

In 2007, NAYGN identified the need for dedicated executive level support. The Executive Advisory Council was formed to meet this need, and the first meeting was held in 2008. To be reflective of NAYGN's membership demographics, the EAC membership consists of a cross-section of North American executives who have a diverse background in nuclear science and technology. This group meets periodically with the NAYGN Vice President, President, and Past President to discuss the status of the organization, provide input on current issues, and guide the organization's future direction. This group is also used to advocate for NAYGN initiatives throughout the nuclear industry.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. The NAYGN President is responsible for managing the relations of NAYGN with the EAC. This includes scheduling and conducting all meetings, and providing meeting minutes and actions as needed
 - a. At least two EAC meetings shall be conducted each year; however, it is desirable to have at least one meeting per quarter. Additional meetings may be scheduled if pressing organizational issues arise.
 - b. EAC meetings are normally held via teleconference, with at least one face-to-face meeting per year at NAYGN's Continental Conference.
 - c. The NAYGN President shall send a proposed agenda to the EAC Chair for review and feedback prior to the EAC meeting.
 - d. EAC meetings are scheduled at least one month in advance of the meeting.
2. The EAC Chair is responsible for guiding the direction of the council and providing input to the NAYGN President regarding which topics and issues should be addressed by the council. The EAC Chair position is a minimum of a 2-year commitment. Additional responsibilities include:
 - a. Chair NAYGN's EAC meetings.
 - b. Ensure representation of key EAC members in meetings.
 - c. Provide recommendations for new EAC members.
 - d. Seek opportunities for NAYGN to present to the larger nuclear industry (such as NSIAC).

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- e. Ensure NAYGN actions are aligned with industry trends (such as DEI, the Nuclear Promise, and Workforce).
 - f. Attend NAYGN's Continental Conference in-person, if possible.
 - g. Assist NAYGN in obtaining sponsorships.
 - h. Assist NAYGN in pushing the industry forward.
 - i. Assist NAYGN in advocating for new nuclear siting.
3. The EAC Vice Chair is responsible for assisting the EAC Chair in providing direction to NAYGN and the council. The EAC Vice Chair is an ideal candidate for EAC Chair when the Chair decides to step down. There are no time duration requirements for the EAC Vice Chair. Additional responsibilities include:
 - a. Perform the duties of the Chair if the Chair is not available.
 - b. Recommend companies NAYGN should invite to the Continental Conference (not necessarily sponsors or exhibitors).
 - c. Assist NAYGN in obtaining sponsorships.
 - d. On-boarding new EAC members.
 4. EAC membership consists of executives and leaders in the nuclear industry who are advocates for NAYGN.
 - a. The EAC membership should be reviewed on an annual basis by the NAYGN President and EAC Chair.
 - b. The structure of the EAC should include but not be limited to at least two utility representatives, two academic or research representatives, two vendors/suppliers or engineer constructors, one representative from Canada, and one representative from Mexico. Organizations such as NEI, ANS, CNA, and CNS should also have a standing membership seat on the council. Representatives should come from a variety of companies and levels within the corporate structure.
 - c. Former members of the NAYGN EAC serve as long-term counselors.
 - d. Nominations for EAC members are to be considered by the EAC Chair, EAC Vice Chair, and the NAYGN Vice President, President and Past President. EAC members are formally appointed by the NAYGN President. Nominations for EAC are open.
 5. EAC members are requested to participate in all meetings. In an unusual circumstance, a member may delegate someone to participate in his/her place.
 - a. If an EAC member is no longer able to participate, then a replacement may be appointed per the established process.
 6. The NAYGN President is responsible for working with the EAC Chair to maintain a succession plan for the council's membership. It is desirable to have a diverse group of members to represent a broad industry cross-section. It is desirable to rotate members on and off the EAC periodically to maintain a fresh perspective and build support for NAYGN.
 7. The NAYGN EAC is a non-voting advisory council established to serve as consultants and mentors for the NAYGN leadership. If decision making is necessary, it is made by General Consent.