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Commissioner and Committee Structure

ECS serves all 50 states and 4 territories (D.C., American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

All Commissioners and committee members are appointed for two years and may be reappointed for subsequent terms.

COMMISSIONERS

Membership

★ Each state appoints 7 Commissioners. Territorial appointments vary.

Purpose

- Provide strategic information to ECS staff regarding state education policy issues and opportunities for ECS assistance.
- Authority to approve amendments to bylaws.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Membership

- Each state and territory has 1 Steering Committee member, appointed by the ECS Chair.
- ★ ECS Chair, ECS Vice Chair, ECS Treasurer, ECS Secretary and ECS Immediate Past Chair (see Executive Committee).

Purpose

- Engage in discussion and debate of education issues in order to provide major program direction for ECS.
- Recommend bylaw changes.
- Approve the ECS strategic plan, annual budget and annual report.

Opportunity

In order to serve on a standing committee, an individual must be a Steering Committee member, with the exception of requirements for previous year committee members or host state committee members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Membership

- → 4-8 members with 2 from the previous year.
- → Chair: ECS Treasurer.

Purpose

 Provide advice to the Executive Committee on the annual audit, budget, strategic financial policies, investment strategy and policies, and changes in accounting practices.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Membership

- + 4-8 members with 2 from the previous year.
- + Chair: ECS immediate past Vice Chair.

Purpose

→ Make nominations for ECS officers, Steering Committee positions, awards and recognitions.

NATIONAL FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Membership

- + 4-8 members with 2 members from the National Forum host state.
- → Chair and Vice Chair are appointed by the ECS Chair from among the National Forum Planning Committee members.

Purpose

Review and approve the overall design and desired outcomes for ECS annual meetings, establish an evaluation plan to assess Commissioner satisfaction and meeting effectiveness, and provide direction to ECS for future meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Membership

- + ECS Chair
 - Governor whose political party alternates with each chair every two years.
- + ECS Past Chair
- Outgoing Governor who was prior chair.
- + ECS Chair-elect
 - Governor from a different political party than that of the Chair.
- + ECS Vice Chair
 - Legislator from a different political party than that of the Chair.
- + ECS Treasurer
- ECS Secretary
- Duties performed by the President and serves as a non-voting officer.
- Up to 5 additional members.

Purpose

- Provide strategic direction and oversight for the management, operations and financial policies of ECS.
- Review, comment on and approve the fiscal year program plan, budget and audit.
- Monitor ECS' personnel policies and affirmative action plan.
- Receive reports from the Finance Committee and any other standing committees.



