



ASTS Standing Committee, Advisory Committee, Task Force, and Strike Force Formation and Listing Policy & Procedures

Background

The landscape of transplant and the issues ASTS needs to address evolve at a fast pace. ASTS must create structures and policies to allow the organization to be nimble and adept at addressing these needs in a timely and efficient manner.

Policy

In keeping with best practice and to create stability, the Bylaws will continue to outline four key structural committees: Nominating, Finance, Bylaws, and Membership & Workforce. The ASTS Council will determine the remaining standing and advisory committees, task forces, and strike forces needed on an ongoing basis. Member Groups will be convened and/or continued based on the current issues in the field and in accordance with the ASTS Strategic Plan. The President of the Society will continue to make all standing committee, task force, and strike force appointments. Advisory Committee appointments will transition to a new appointment process from within each committee, with the ASTS Council having final approval.

ASTS Member Group Definitions:

1. Standing Committee: Each committee will have a chair, vice-chair, and vice-chair elect, and a specified number of members. Committee members will serve for up to three years, and appointments will be staggered to allow for ongoing rotation of committee members.
2. Advisory Committee: Each committee will have a chair, vice-chair, and a maximum of twelve members. Advisory Committee will be defined as a group of individuals with expertise or interest within a specific area. Advisory committees will be assigned projects or initiatives as needed by the ASTS Council.
3. Task Force: Task Forces will be convened based on needs determined by the Council. Task Forces can be convened for no more than two years unless given an expanded charge by the Council. Task Forces should have clearly defined goals and timelines for completion.
4. Strike Force: Strike Forces will be convened based on the needs determined by the Council. A Strike Force can be convened for no more than six months and should have a clearly defined task to complete within the provided time frame.

Current Standing Committees Not Outlined in the ASTS Bylaws Include:

1. ASTS American Transplant Congress Planning Committee to focus on the work of the American Transplant Congress on behalf of the ASTS. The Committee will be represented by twelve ASTS members to include a Chair, Co-Chair, Co-Chair Elect, eight regular members and one associate member.
2. ASTS/AST Joint Council. The ASTS representatives to the Joint Council are the President, Immediate Past President, Past President, President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary.
3. Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.



4. Fellowship Training Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
5. Communications Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
6. Standards and Quality Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
7. Curriculum Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
8. Grants Review Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
9. Vanguard Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms. Up to two members may be Candidate Members and all others should be Regular Members of the ASTS who have been members for five years or fewer at the time of their appointment.
10. Legislative and Regulatory Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
11. Business Practice Services Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
12. Advanced Transplant Providers Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
13. Living Donation Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
14. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
15. Wellness Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.
16. International Relations Committee: 12 members, 3 year terms.

Standing Committees will have the following leadership structure (unless otherwise specified):

Chair – one year term

Vice Chair – one year term

Vice Chair-Elect – one year term

Current Advisory Committees Include:

1. Cellular Transplantation
2. Ethics
3. Pediatrics
4. Scientific Studies
5. Thoracic
6. Vascularized Composite Allograft

Advisory Committees will be structured as follows:



- 12 member maximum
- Chair and Vice Chair positions with 2-year renewable terms to a 6 year maximum
- Leadership can roll back to the committee after the leadership term is finished if expertise is still needed
- Committee terms: 3 years with the option for 2 additional 3-year terms
- Projects and assignments assigned as needed by the ASTS Council