



Fire Committee Charter

NAFSR GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

The NAFSR Board may charter standing or ad hoc committees as warranted by issues and opportunities in forwarding the Associations Principles, Beliefs and Values. The Board recognizes the interconnectedness of land management issues and directs committees to work together as needed to effectively address issues and minimize duplication.

FIRE COMMITTEE OBJECTIVE

The Fire Committee (FC) represents the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR), working *strategically* with Forest Service Senior Leaders, and with Interagency and Intergovernmental fire management officials. The Committee prepares reports, briefing materials, and delivers analysis of fire policy, management, planning, operations including related fuels management and research issues. As appropriate, the FC will make recommendations for action by the Board, ensuring that NAFSR is kept current in the mission to support the agency.

ORGANIZATION

Appointments:

- The NAFSR Board will appoint the FC Chair and eight additional members.
- The FC Chair will ideally be appointed from current or past FC membership.
- FC members shall be diverse and broadly represent NAFSR membership; demographically, geographically, and organizationally from State & Private; National Forest System and Research and Development Deputy areas.
- FC members will have representation and strong backgrounds in wildland fire policy, management, operations and research.

Terms:

- The FC Chair serves a three-year term and that may be served consecutively with their committee term.
- The FC Chair may be re-appointed to a second three-year term by the Board Chair.
- FC members may serve up to three consecutive terms if re-appointed by the Board Chair.

Member Responsibilities:

- The FC Chair will be expected to interact with the NAFSR Board on a regular basis.
- The FC will determine if additional FC officers (such as Vice-Chair or Secretary) are necessary for optimum effectiveness. If so determined, the FC Chair will make those appointments from the FC membership and report to the Board.
- If a FC member cannot complete their term, the Board Chair shall appoint a replacement member to complete that term.
- FC members may be replaced if they are not able to participate in a majority of the Committee meetings or assist with assignments.

CHARGE AND ACTIVITIES

The FC Chair will serve as the primary contact for the FC and will represent the FC with the NAFSR Board of Directors. The FC Chair may designate another FC member to represent the FC when appropriate.

The FC reports to the Board of Directors via the FC Chair on quarterly conference calls or video meetings and at the Annual Board/Membership Meeting.

The FC Chair is responsible for setting up an Annual Meeting with the Deputy Chief of State and Private and the Director of Fire and Aviation Management. The focus of these meetings will be *strategic* to seek input and learn from agency about current/emerging issues and how NAFSR might help and support the agency into the future (multi-year).

The FC will hold teleconference or video meetings as needed to discuss emerging issues, assignments and topics of interest and will brief the NAFSR Board on the outcome of this coordination.

The FC is tasked to identify topics of interest and screen topics and emerging issues when submitted from the NAFSR Membership directly. The FC will assess topics of interest to determine which may warrant the development of national position statements or other consideration/action and make appropriate recommendations to the NAFSR Board for their determination and direction to the FC.

For topics approved by the Board, the FC will facilitate further study and research and compile information into DRAFT position statements for NAFSR Board review and consideration.

As necessary, the FC may reach into the general membership of NAFSR to develop Study and Ad Hoc Committees for specific assignments as approved by the Board of Directors.

By invitation or assignment, FC members may consult other external contacts such as the National Association of State Foresters Fire Committee, Inter-tribal Timber Council, etc. Such participation must be approved by the FC Chair and must be reported back to the FC.

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