

II. ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE PRESIDENT OF AURA

A. ROLE

The President is the chief executive officer of AURA and serves as the primary representative or spokesperson for AURA. The President is an ex officio member of the Board of Directors and Management Councils and implements policy decisions of the Board. The President serves the Board of Directors as its principal executive officer, providing leadership and guidance on policy matters and coordinating the activities of the Board and its various committees. The President provides guidance and direction to the Center Directors on matters of policy and planning, particularly with regard to interactions with the funding agencies. The President is also responsible for maintaining effective working relationships with AURA Member Institutions.

B. SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

In fulfilling the foregoing role, the President shall:

1. Implement all policies established by the Board and keep the Members of the Board fully informed on all important matters affecting the quality and financial integrity of AURA and the Centers it manages;
2. On behalf of the Board, provide management oversight of the AURA Centers and review the performance of the Center Directors;
3. In collaboration with the Center Directors, represent the needs and scientific opportunities of the AURA Centers to senior levels of Federal agencies;
4. Establish and maintain effective relationships with governmental bodies, especially those with whom the Corporation has contractual relationships;
5. Communicate, as appropriate, AURA's advocacy for a strong national astronomy program;
6. With the knowledge and approval of the Board, seek appropriate additional activities for AURA, which are in the national interest and in the interests of its sponsoring institutions and the academic community;
7. Assure that Center planning is consistent with AURA Board and funding agency guidelines;
8. Facilitate communications between the Center Directors and the Board;
9. Keep the Board of Directors informed on corporate activities;
10. Recommend appointments to the Management Boards of organizations of which AURA is a participating member and, submit such recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval; and,

11. Advise and inform the Board on all tenure denials and staff appeals.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING

1. The President reports to and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of AURA. The President receives policy guidance and supervision directly from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.
2. The Center Directors report to the Board through the President.