2021 Global Governance FAQs

The following FAQs are intended to answer questions members may have regarding ASIS International’s continued move to an enhanced global governance structure and the phase of the governance structure that will be implemented in 2021.

Why is ASIS devoting resources to a new global governance structure?
In an effort that started in 2019, ASIS International's global governance structure will establish a strategic global direction and unified management system that maintains long-term organizational integrity and allows us to use best practices for global associations such as ours.

What is the ASIS governance structure?

What global governance changes have been made to date?
The first-ever ASIS International Global Board of Directors took office on 1 January 2020, marking a new era for ASIS International; an era that reflects the diversity of geography, thought, specialty, age, market vertical, and experience of our global membership. That process continued and the 2021 Global Board of Directors represents the rich tapestry of ASIS leadership.

What global governance steps will be made in 2021?
ASIS will implement the selection process for the North American and European Regional Board of Directors (all to be seated 1 January 2022). This step was postponed from 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19 on ASIS operations.

And, due to the efforts to seat the regional boards of directors, the selection of the one At-Large Seat for the Global Board of Directors and the one open seat on the Global Board of Directors Nominating Committee will be postponed in 2021. The regular rotation and process will resume in 2022.
How many people will sit on the European Regional Board of Directors and the North American Regional Board of Directors?

Eight (8) people will sit on the European Regional Board of Directors.

- Chair will serve a 3-year term and will serve on the Global Board of Directors
- Vice Chair will serve a 3-year term and will automatically ascend to Chair
- Secretary/Treasurer will serve a 3-year term (does not automatically ascend to Vice Chair)
- 2 Directors will serve a 3-year term
- 2 Directors will serve a 2-year term
- 1 Director will serve a 1-year term

Twelve (12) persons will sit on the North American Regional Board of Directors.

- Chair will serve a 2-year term and will also serve on the Global Board of Directors
- Vice Chair will serve a 2-year term and will automatically ascend to Chair
- Secretary/Treasurer will serve a 1-year term (does not automatically ascend to Vice Chair)
- 3 Directors will serve a 3-year term
- 3 Directors will serve a 2-year term
- 3 Directors will serve at 1-year term

Who was involved in the decision-making process for the European and North American governance bodies?

A European Governance Work Stream and North American Governance Work Stream met in 2019 and 2020 to make decisions regarding the governance structure in those regions. Each work stream had cross-representation of ASIS local, regional, global, chapter, and community leaders. These work streams were guided by members of the Global Board of Directors, ASIS CEO, and ASIS Chief Global Member Engagement Officer. Each work stream made recommendations to the Global Board of Directors which were approved in January 2020.

How will we select the Regional Boards of Directors?

To ensure consistency in knowledge and orderly transition to regional boards, half of the members of each regional board will be appointed by the Global Board of Directors. This is in keeping with the recommendations by the European and North American governance workstreams. These appointments will be announced in advance of the call for Candidate Interest Forms.

For the remaining positions, the Candidate Interest Forms to serve on the European and North American Regional Board of Directors will launch on 29 July 2021 and are due 1 September 2021.

The 2021 Global Board of Directors Nominating Committee plus 3 members from Europe, appointed by the Global Board Of Directors, will select the European Regional Board of Directors.

The 2021 Global Board of Directors Nominating Committee plus 3 members from North America, appointed by the Global Board Of Directors, will select the North American Regional Board of Directors.

The 2021 Global Board of Directors Nominating Committee members are:

- Godfried Hendriks, CPP, Chair
After reviewing and evaluating the Candidate Interest Forms, the Global Board of Directors Nominating Committee (plus other members as noted above) will provide an uncontested slate of candidates for the 2021-2023 regional boards of directors to the Global Board of Directors for approval in mid-November. The new regional boards will be announced at that time and will begin its tenure starting 1 January 2022.

What happens with global governance for other regions?
We will resume work in Q4 2021 on the structure, form, and function for the future Regional Advisory Committees in Latin America, Middle East/North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia Pacific and Oceania.

What is the difference between a Regional Board of Directors and a Regional Advisory Committee?
As we reviewed myriad input from different perspectives, we learned that different parts of the ASIS world are at various stages of development. North America and Europe represent our largest concentration of members, at approximately 24,000 and 2,900 respectively. We will work with the remaining regions to identify and develop key success indicators that will move them from Regional Committee status to Regional Board status.

Where can I find more information?
In addition to these FAQs, you may obtain more information at www.asisonline.org/get-involved/board-elections and/or by emailing the ASIS Board at BoardApplicationQuestions@asisonline.org.