



STA Executive Committee

Science & Technology Australia (STA) is Australia's peak body in science and technology. We represent more than 88,000 scientists and technologists through our 92 member organisations. We have given voice to Australian STEM for 35 years.

Our mission is to advance the public good and social and community welfare, and strengthen civil society, through education, outreach and programs. We do so to advance the impact of science and technology to help solve some of humanity's greatest challenges.

The STA Executive Committee consists of the office bearers of the Association:

President	2-year term
President Elect	1-year term, followed by 2 years as President (elected in even years)
Vice President	2-year term
Secretary	2-year term
Treasurer	2-year term
Policy Committee Chair	2-year term
Early Career Representatives (2)	2-year term (each position is elected alternative years)
Ordinary Member	1-year term (elected in odd years)
Chief Executive Officer	Duration of appointment (no voting rights)

Each position is eligible for re-election to a maximum term of four years. Committee members are elected by the STA membership, at the Annual General Meeting, by preferential voting through a secret ballot.

The Executive Committee is a committee of the Board, comprising financial members of STA's ordinary member organisations. It has responsibility for overseeing the operations of STA on behalf of the Board and guiding the Board on strategy.

The Executive Committee meets at least six times per calendar year – mostly via videoconference.

Executive Committee members are not remunerated, however, STA covers modest travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending Executive Committee and Board meetings; offers free registration to STA events; and covers modest travel expenses associated with performing official duties requested by and on behalf of STA.

Position Description: Vice President

The Vice President is responsible for assisting the President to:

- Oversee the strategic and operational activities of STA
- Advise and guide the CEO, Executive Committee and Board
- In addition, when the President is unavailable, the Vice President may be called upon to:
 - Chair Executive and Board meetings, and the Annual General Meeting
 - Represent STA in the media (within the framework of STA's media policy)
 - Represent STA in discussions and meetings with agents of governments and their agencies

**Time commitment**

Roughly four hours per fortnight, including attending 9 meetings of the Board and Executive (some are combined and most are by videoconference), attending the AGM and STA events, representing STA at meetings and events, speaking with media when deputising for the President, and advising the CEO.

Desirable skills, experience and attributes

- Experience in a position of leadership in STEM
- Experience in governance and/or on a Board
- Experience in speaking with the media