

STA BOARD

Science & Technology Australia (STA) is Australia's peak body in science and technology. We represent more than 90,000 scientists and technologists through our 111 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, including saving and improving lives.

The STA Board consists of nine office bearers of the Association and twelve Cluster Group representatives, as follows:

Office-bearers (Executive Committee):

President, President Elect (elected in even years), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Policy Committee Chair, two Early Career Representatives (elected in alternate years), Ordinary Member (elected in odd years) and the Chief Executive Officer (no voting rights).

Cluster Group Representatives:

Agricultural & Food Sciences, Aquatic Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Geological & Geographic Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Medical & Cognitive Sciences, Physical Sciences, Plant and Ecological Sciences, Technological Sciences, and two General Representatives (elected odd years)

The Board is responsible for the strategy, governance and membership functions of Science & Technology Australia. Cluster Group Representatives are elected by members of their cluster.

CLUSTER GROUP REPRESENTATIVE POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Cluster Representatives report to the President and they are responsible for:

- Exercising the general duties and responsibilities of a Board director of the Association;
- Serving as a conduit for information between Cluster Group members and the Board, and keeping the STA Board apprised of issues raised by the Cluster Group members;
- Communicating relevant, non-confidential Board and STA programs information back to Cluster Group members; and
- Facilitating networking among Cluster Group members.

TIME COMMITMENT

Approximately five hours per month, including: attending three meetings of the Board and the AGM (including two face-to-face meetings) per year, attending STA events when possible, and communicating with Cluster Group members.

DESIRABLE SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND ATTRIBUTES

- Holds or aspires to a leadership position in STEM (whether academic, private sector or government)
- Maintains an awareness of the relevant disciplinary group and its place in the broader sector
- Confident communicator
- Prior Board experience is preferred
- Experience or knowledge in finance, law, HR, and governance is favourably considered

REMUNERATION

STA is a non-profit and its Directors are volunteers. STA pays travel and associated costs for Board members when they are required to travel to acquit their duties at meetings and events.