

THE BABC'S GOVERNANCE PROCESS

The BABC's Board of Directors is elected by its chapters at the BABC's Annual Meeting (one chapter/one vote). It consists of one representative of each of its chapters as well as its principal officers (Chairman, President, Vice-President, CEO).

The Board meets once a year, immediately after the BABC's Annual Meeting. It is ultimately responsible for the governance of the BABC; but between its meetings, and as recommended in the BABC's Steering Committee Report which was unanimously adopted by the Board at its April '06 meeting, it effectively delegates this authority to the BABC's Executive Committee.

The BABC's Executive Committee is nominated by the President, subject to confirmation by the Board; and generally meets by teleconference on a monthly basis (except, e.g., in December/July, or when there is a BABC Conference/Workshop). As well as the BABC's principal officers, Legal Counsel and Treasurer, it includes:

- representatives of each of the BABC's 5 'regions', who provide an ongoing two-way channel of communication between its chapters and the Executive Committee
- a number of members with special portfolios (e.g. trade policy; hosting of next Annual Conference; benchmarking).

The BABC's Chairman is its immediate-past president, and chairs its Nominating Committee. This Committee is responsible for nominating the President and Vice-President for election by the BABC's Board to a one-year term which is renewable. (The Vice-Presidency comes with the title of 'President-elect', so there is a presumption of succession). Like the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee is nominated by the President, subject to confirmation by the Board; it includes representatives of each of the regions as well as the BABC's principal officers.