

National Security Agency Advisory Board Charter

A. The committee's official designation:

National Security Agency Advisory Board (NSAAB)

B. The committee's objectives and the scope of its activities:

To advise the Director, NSA/Chief, CSS on matters involving signals intelligence (SIGINT) production, Information Security (INFOSEC), science, technology, business procedures and management related to the mission of the NSA/CSS. The NSAAB is approved for membership of up to 20 persons who may additionally be assigned to chair panels and ad hoc committees as needed. These committees are composed of members selected from the parent Board membership and other qualified persons who possess the requisite expertise to accomplish the assigned task. They receive tasking from, and transmit their advice to, the parent Board. The Chairman, NSAAB, receives requests for studies from, and reports to, the Director, NSA/Chief CSS.

C. The period of time necessary for the committee to carry out its purpose:

Board activities are on going. Panels and ad hoc committees are dissolved when the Chairman, NSAAB, determines that the mission for which they were established is complete.

D. The agency or official to who the committee reports:

Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

E. The agency responsible for providing the necessary support for the committee:

NSA/CSS

F. A description of the duties for which the committee is responsible and, if such duties are not solely advisory, a specification of the authority for such functions:

Advise the Director, NSA/Chief, CSS, on SIGINT, INFOSEC, science, technology, business procedures and management relating to the NSA/CSS functions.

G. Anticipated annual costs to support the committee:

The annual cost is dependent on the number of Board and subcommittee meetings held. Member expense and support staff costs run approximately \$300,000 per year.

H. Anticipated number of Committee Meetings:

The board meets at least four times annually. There are approximately 18 additional meetings of various panels during the year.

I. Termination Date:

Two years from date of this charter.

J. Date Charter is Filed: February 28, 2004