

USAF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

CHARTER

A. Committee's Official Designation: USAF Scientific Advisory Board.

B. Committee's Objectives and Scope of Its Activities:

1. The objective of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) is to provide independent wisdom and insight to Air Force senior leadership on science and technology for continued air and space dominance. The SAB provides a link between the Air Force and the nation's civilian and scientific and engineering communities by reviewing and evaluating the Air Force's research and development plans, recommending Air Force applications that can be derived from promising scientific and technological developments and discoveries, and conducting a variety of studies at the request of senior Air Force leadership to assess scientific and engineering aspects of particular operational or acquisition problems or issues.

2. To obtain the best advice possible, the board selects its members on the basis of eminence in scientific fields of interest to the USAF. In addition, the board provides as a resource of science and engineering experts available upon request to advise commanders of Air Force operational commands, weapons systems development and logistic centers, and research organizations.

3. The board assists, strengthens, and supplements, but does not duplicate, the work of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Air Force Materiel Command, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and all other Air Force activities that deal with science and technology.

C. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out Its Purpose: Subject to the renewal of this charter, as required, the period of time necessary for the committee to carry out its purpose is indefinite in keeping with the continuing nature of its objectives.

D. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The committee reports to the Secretary and to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

E. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for the Committee: The USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, provides administrative and logistical support for the committee.

F. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible: The committee duties are described in paragraph B. above. These duties are solely advisory.

G. Estimated Annual Operating Cost: The board costs approximately \$1.5M per year to operate. This includes costs of travel, per diem, consulting fees for board members, and support costs for the SAB Secretariat. In manpower, six government Air Force military and civilian positions are allocated to the SAB Secretariat for direct operating support to the board.

H. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings: The board conducts approximately 150 meetings per year, consisting of study committees, mission panels, advisory groups, steering and executive committees, and two general board meetings.

I. Termination Date: Not Applicable (see paragraph C. above).

J. Date Charter is filed: February 28, 2002