Board of Directors Committee Charter
Scientific Committee

Revision History

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this CDISC Charter is to describe the purpose, membership and scope of work for the Scientific Committee.

As CDISC is a non-profit organization, it must adhere to specific rules regarding fiduciary duties to its sponsors and members. The Scientific Committee was established to provide vision and strategic guidance to the Board for emerging scientific and business opportunities that impact the future direction or have implications for CDISC in accordance with its Bylaws and Strategic Plan.

For more information on CDISC please see the CDISC website at www.cdisc.org.

2 Authority

This document is approved by the CDISC Board of Directors and should be followed by the CDISC Board of Directors and all who provide services to CDISC.

3 Related Operational Processes

Please refer to CDISC-COP-012-Scientific Policy for specific information on the scientific policies of the organization.

4 Membership of Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee shall be comprised of at least two directors as determined and appointed by the Board of Directors, each of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee. Unless a chair is appointed by the full Board, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by majority vote of the full Committee membership.

Operations personnel may provide information to and take meeting minutes for the Scientific Committee, but are neither members of the Scientific Committee nor active in any voting of the Scientific Committee.

5 List of Responsibilities

In accomplishing its assigned responsibilities, the Scientific Committee will undertake the following responsibilities and other such matters as may warrant its attention. It may, with approval of the Board, engage additional assistance to undertake such activities as it deems necessary. The Scientific Committee sets out to distinguish itself from the Technical Oversight Committee in that the Scientific Committee has a strategic focus whereas the Technical Oversight Committee has an operational focus.

- Understand the external environment
- Provide strategic brief on areas of scientific opportunity for consideration during the Board's strategic planning process
- Recognize potential advantageous affiliations and customers
- Identify implications of new or changing external standards-related initiatives
- Obtain advice from experts within or external to CDISC
- Anticipate direction of regulatory authorities

Authorization

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