

The Consultative Council

The Voice for the Building Community in Public Policy



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About the Institute

Mission

To serve the nation and the public interest by supporting advances in building sciences and technology to improve the built environment.

Congress directed the Institute to:

- Develop, promulgate, and maintain building-related performance criteria
- Evaluate and pre-qualify existing and new building technology
- Conduct related investigations
- Assemble, store, and disseminate building- and construction-related technical data and other information



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Institute Governance

- Board of Directors
 - Six (public interest) directors: appointed by President with Senate confirmation – direct link to the Administration
 - 15 directors elected by the Board from Public Interest and Industry Sectors
 - Elected members serve two three-year terms
 - Appointed members serve until replaced



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Councils, Committees & Projects

- Building Enclosure Council
- Building Enclosure Technology & Environment Council
- Building Seismic Safety Council
- buildingSMART alliance
- Consultative Council
- Facility Maintenance & Operations Committee
- HAZUS
- High Performance Building Council
- Multihazard Mitigation Council
- National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities
- National Mechanical Insulation Committee
- ProjNetSM
- Whole Building Design Guide

Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

PL 93-383, 12 USC 1701j-2

The Institute shall establish, with the advice and assistance of the Academies-Research Council and other agencies and organizations which are knowledgeable in the field of building technology, a **Consultative Council**, membership in which shall be available to representatives of all appropriate private trade, professional, and labor organizations, private and public standards, code, and testing bodies, public regulatory agencies, and consumer groups, so as to insure a **direct line of communication between such groups and the Institute** and a **vehicle for representative hearings** on matters before the Institute.



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Annual report to President for transmittal to Congress;
contents The Institute shall submit an annual report for the preceding fiscal year to the President for transmittal to the Congress within sixty days of its receipt. The report shall include a comprehensive and detailed report of the Institute's operations, activities, financial condition, and accomplishments under this section and may include such recommendations as the Institute deems appropriate.



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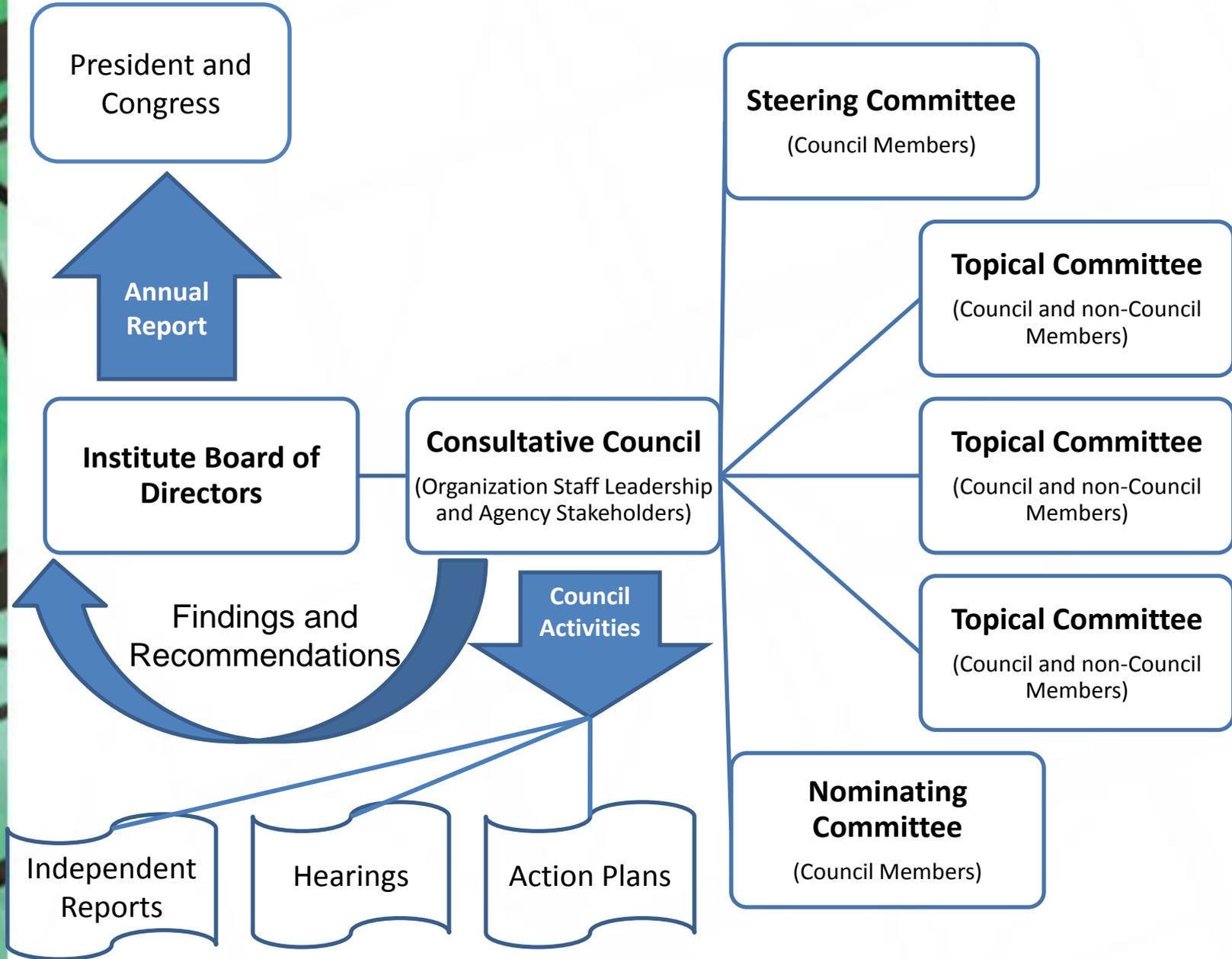
The Consultative Council assembles high-level building community representatives to make recommendations directly to the executive and legislative branches of government to improve our nation's buildings and infrastructure

- Congress authorized the Institute to bring together representatives of government, the professions, industry, labor and consumer interests to identify and resolve building process and facility performance issues
- Policymakers are making decisions impacting the entire building community—where possible, a united building community can influence the appropriate action
- The Institute is the unbiased forum for discussing issues and identifying opportunities within the building community
- The Consultative Council provides a forum for regular interaction and discussion among staff leaders of key organizations within the building community



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Process for Development of Findings and Recommendations

Subgroup may elect further Examination or Joint Action



- Individual Issues
- Future casting
- Industry Issues

- Members can identify particular issues of relevance to their individual organization for inclusion in the final report



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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



An Authoritative Source of Innovative Solutions for the Built Environment

Sample Report Section Content

The Building Community is Great

The Building Industry as embodied by the diverse nature of the Consultative Council agrees that *The Building Community is Great*. To demonstrate that greatness, everyday should be designated “Thank the Building Community Day.” Further, Congress and the Administration shall budget unlimited funds to the agencies and organizations that support the building community. All future Members of Congress shall be required to have a Ph.D. in Engineering, Architecture or other related building discipline.

While the Council agrees on the findings and recommendations outlined above, specific sectors and organizations have additional recommendations and related initiatives to further the demonstration that *The Building Community is Great*.

According to Organization X, the general public can learn about the greatness of the building community by making coursework on building orientation a required part of all K-12 curricula. To help further this recommendation, they have developed training programs for teachers and school administrators.

Organizations Y and Z both agree that all buildings shall be required to post a sign stating “The Building Community is Great.” This sign will further their missions of engaging building occupants in the recognition of the value of the building community.

This paragraph contains the findings and recommendations as agreed to by the Council

These paragraphs contain findings and recommendations submitted by members of the Council and will be so identified

MEMBERSHIP

Council membership shall consist of organizations representing the following sectors of the building community:

- Consumer and General Interest - Consumers, users, academia, media, and public interest groups.
- Architects - Architects and related professionals in private practice.
- Engineers - Engineers and related professionals in private practice.
- Federal Government - Officials and representatives of federal government agencies.
- State and Local Government - Officials and representatives of state and local government, including code officials.
- Building Construction - Building construction contractors, subcontractors, and utilities.
- Labor Organizations - Building trade unions.
- Housing - Builders, developers, and housing producers.
- Building Materials and Products - Producers, manufacturers, and distributors of materials and products (including software) used in the building process.
- Codes and Standards - Standards developing or code writing organizations.
- Real Estate, Finance and Insurance - Owners, real estate, financial and insurance organizations.
- Research, Testing and Other Services - Research organizations, testing laboratories, and other service organizations.



RECENT PARTICIPANTS

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-
conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
Associated General Contractors (AGC)
ASTM International (ASTM)
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
Charles Pankow Foundation
Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical
Officials (IAPMO)
International Code Council (ICC)
Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA)
National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
National Association of Realtors (NAR)
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Related Activities

- Chair, High-Performance Building Week 2010
- Executive Committee, High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition
- Organizer, Building Community Toolkit for Haiti Reconstruction
- Participant, Zero Energy Commercial Building Consortium
- Lead, Ad Hoc Committee on Achieving Federal Building High-Performance

