

Brief Intro of W3C Advisory Board

For 2025 Spring Breakouts Day

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Some Basics

- 11 Seats elected by W3C the Advisory Committee
- 2-year term, staggered
- AB members participate as individual contributors and not representatives of their organizations
- Distinct from the Board of Directors, has no decision-making authority within W3C, strictly advisory
- Work in an open and transparent manner to the broader W3C community

Role of the W3C Advisory Board

The W3C Process Document says:

The Advisory Board provides ongoing guidance to the Team on issues of strategy, management, legal matters, process, and conflict resolution. The Advisory Board also serves the Members by tracking issues raised between Advisory Committee meetings, soliciting Member comments on such issues, and proposing actions to resolve these issues.

<https://www.w3.org/policies/process/#AB>

Work Scope of the W3C Advisory Board

- As part of a [W3C Council](#), members of the Advisory Board hear and adjudicate on Submission Appeals and Formal Objections.
- Lead/manage the evolution of several important W3C documents, including [Vision](#), [Process Document](#), [Code of Conduct](#), etc.
- Priority Projects: a set of selected projects to prioritize for the following 12 months
- Other efforts to bridge W3C community and the Team, e.g. Meet the Candidates, AC Meetings, Surveys and Results, and
- Designing Acknowledgement of Contributions to W3C

Being on the Advisory Board

- Typically takes between 4 and 6 hours a week for native English speakers; more for non-native English speakers and people with accessibility needs
- Bi-weekly 60-minute conference calls
- 3-day F2F meeting, 3 or 4 times a year, hosted by AB members in different locations around the world

AB/2025 Priorities

- Improving Collaboration
- Incubation Transition Guideline
- Defining 3Is
 - Interoperable, Independent, Implementations
- Vision
 - Vision for W3C, maintained by the Vision TF
- Improving Communication Horizontally
- AB + TAG Collaboration/Workmode
- AC Forum Facilitation
- Reorganizing W3C Documentation

Working with the W3C Community

With elected groups:

- Form the Council with the TAG
- 2 AB Liaisons on the Board of Directors
- Joint TAG, AB and Board Chairs monthly meeting

With members: AC Forum discussions, AB-led member meetings, Meet the Candidates, etc.

With W3C community at large: Process CG, PWE CG, Surveys, Acknowledgement of Contributions to W3C

With W3C Team: management and team contact on AB meetings

Questions for W3C Community

1. How would you expect the AB to play their role in W3C community?
2. Is there anything in the AB's role that should be changed?
3. What are the unique values the AB can have for the community?
4. What tasks would you like the AB to take up, if AB has not yet?
5. How would you expect the AB to collaborate with other elected W3C groups, such as TAG and the Board?
6. Any other suggestions for the AB role/work scope?

Thank you!
We look forward to
your input.