

# Advisory Council

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Recognizing that Nevada is a geographically, educationally and politically diverse state with traditional challenges in perspective and travel distance, the Board of Directors of the Nevada Natural Resource Education Council (NNREC) establishes an Advisory Council in order to advise it on challenges and opportunities in natural resource education and environmental education (NRE/EE) throughout the state.

The council creates a more formal relationship between NNREC and the various land management and education agencies which provide NRE/EE as part of their mission, as well as providing a forum for all formal and nonformal educators to advise the organization. The council will help the organization prioritize activities to make the most effective use of limited resources, as well as identifying additional resources of people, funds and partnerships which will build the capacity of NNREC and all other providers to offer NRE/EE in Nevada.

## Membership

1. Prominent land management and education agencies in the state of Nevada will have a permanent position on the Advisory Council (see list below). These agencies will be strongly encouraged to designate a regular representative who will serve on the Advisory Council over a period of time.
2. Any person may apply to be a member of the Advisory Council, and may be accepted by the Board of Directors. The council may identify and invite any person to serve on the council, and such persons will be accepted by the board.
3. Persons will retain membership by attending at least one meeting per year.

## Meetings

1. The Advisory Council will hold three meetings per year, one in each of the geographic regions of the state: south, west, and rural. These meetings will be held within one month of each other, and in the winter or spring. The meetings will be scheduled by the Board of Directors, working with local members to identify appropriate dates, times and locations, and facilities.
2. Each meeting will be chaired by an individual selected by the participants.
3. Each meeting will inform participants of the activities and plans of the organization, however, the primary purpose will be to gather information from the participants about challenges and opportunities in their geographic area and within their missions, and how the organization may be involved in these challenges and opportunities.
4. One or more members of the Board of Directors will attend each meeting, where their role will be to inform the participants of the activities and plans of the organization, and to take back information from the council to the board.

## Relationship to Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors will actively consider the input of the Advisory Council at the next regular board meeting following the three meetings.
2. The Advisory Council is encouraged to define for itself its own operating procedures and role in leadership of the organization, however, the Board of Directors remains solely responsible for governance.

## Permanent Positions

The listing of these permanent positions is in no way intended to discourage the participation of other agencies, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individuals as full active members of the council, nor to give the representatives of these agencies a stronger voice in the Advisory Council than other members.

### Nevada

- Nevada Department of Education
- Nevada Division of Forestry
- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
- Nevada Division of State Parks
- Nevada Department of Wildlife

### Federal

- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Fish & Wildlife Service

### All 17 School Districts

### Higher Education

- University of Nevada Reno
- University of Nevada Las Vegas
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension