International Community for Practice Research in Social Work

International Advisory Board Governance Structure

Major Advisory Board Goals

* Promoting international visibility of practice research through use of a tri-annual conference and annual meetings of Practice Research Collaboratives
* Provide support to autonomous local conference chairs and their committees based on criteria for site selection and post-conference debriefing for lessons learned
* Appoint chairs or co-chairs of various temporary committees such as:
  + Board nominations,
  + Future conference site selection,
  + Website management
  + Practice Research Collaboratives

Primary Board Activities (chaired by current conference chair)

* Annual Advisory Board Meeting cycle averaging 90 minutes with documents for review sent at least a week in advance: June, September, December, March
* Advisory Board Chair assumed every three years by the local conference planning committee chair one year before the local conference
* Advisory Board acts as consultants to the local conference committee
* Advisory Board provides support for Practice Research Collaboratives using PRC Guidelines

International Website Guidelines

* Board member chairs the international website committee comprised of current PRC chairs along with the current webmaster (paid from conference registration fees)
* Oversees annual calls for updates to the website and its library

Board Nominating Guidelines (chaired by a current Board member)

* With a goal of approximately 15-18 members, ideally with representatives from the Global South & North, members are expected to attend quarterly meetings throughout the year
* Using a brief website nomination form to be completed by the nominee that includes:
  + Identifying information (name, email, country, organizational affiliation, and history of involvement in practice research conferences and/or practice research collaboratives)
  + Nature of interest in serving on the Board and understanding of the elements of the website
  + Source of nomination (self or others)
* Board annual review of nominees with an orientation plan and recommendation of a first year mentor for each new member.