

# Governing Council

The Governing Council is comprised of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large members. The President, Secretary, and a subset of At-Large Members are elected by the members. The remainder of At-Large members are appointed by the Governing Council to ensure maximal diversity of representation. All Governing Council Members serve 6-year terms.



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- [Governing Council Officers and Members \(1959-present\)](#)
- [SRCD Presidents \(1933-present\)](#)