

Article 1: Preamble

This charter defines the scope of the PReSto community activities and interests, and the processes through which the committees will pursue its goals. This is a living document, which can be amended or adjusted by a majority of the active members of the Executive Committee.

Article 2: Mission and Goals

The Paleoclimate Reconstruction Storehouse (PReSto) is dedicated to advancing the accessibility, transparency, and utility of paleoclimate reconstructions. Through innovative tools, streamlined data pipelines, and well-designed education efforts, we aim to empower researchers, educators, and the public to better explore Earth's climate history. PReSto also aims to foster open science and reproducibility by providing a centralized platform for accessing, visualizing, running and comparing paleoclimate reconstructions while supporting continual updates and methodological advancements.

Article 3: Committees

PReSto is governed by the executive committee. The current members are listed on the [website](#).

3.1. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has leadership responsibility for the harmonious and effective functioning of the PReSto community. The Executive Committee makes decisions regarding the developments of the PReSto activities under this Charter.

The Executive Committee consists of five representatives. Members of the Executive Committee serve two-year terms, starting at the Executive Committee meeting where the appointment is announced. Members of the Executive Committee can serve multiple terms.

New members of the Executive Committee are voted in by the members of the PReSto user community. The Executive Board reviews changes requested by members of the PReSto user community, as well as proposals for new projects to be added to PReSto.

Article 4: Roles and Responsibilities

4.1. In addition to the above, the Executive Committee roles and responsibilities include:

- The Executive Committee members will participate in regularly scheduled meetings (in person or virtually)
- The Executive Committee will serve as the point of contact, representing the PReSto Community in dialogue with the National Science Foundation, partner organizations, and other relevant organizations and initiatives.

Article 5: Operations

5.1. Adjusting the charter

- This charter may be amended or adjusted at any Executive Committee meetings (in person or virtual) by a majority of vote
- The charter will be formally reviewed and adjusted every three years by the Executive Committee.

5.2. Meetings

5.2.1. Executive Committee Meeting

- Meetings of the Executive Committee will take place at least annually.
- Observers from the PReSto Community are welcome at the meetings of the Executive Committee.
- Minutes of the meeting will be recorded and will be available within two business days of the meeting. Minutes should be available for comment and changes for five days after posting.

5.2.2. General Meeting

- A General Meeting of the PReSto Community will be held annually either virtually or in association with relevant community meetings (e.g., AGU Fall Meeting, GSA, PAGES Open Science Meeting, ...)
- General Meeting will allow for general feedback from the community, where members can propose topics for discussion.
- During the General Meeting, the Executive Meeting will report to members about PReSto current and future activities and its dialogue with the National Science Foundation and other relevant organizations and initiatives.
- Minutes of the meeting will be recorded and will be available within five business days of the meeting. Minutes should be available for comment and changes for five days after posting.

5.3. Decision Making

It is the intent of the Executive Committee to operate on a consensus basis, though a majority vote of official members representatives present (provided a quorum is achieved) may be taken on matters where a consensus cannot be achieved.

- A consensus is defined as an agreement that may not be everyone's first choice, but is one that everyone can accept and no one had a better alternative to offer.
- A quorum consists of at least two third of active members of a Committee.
- Voting can be virtual.

5.4. Compensation

Committee membership is voluntary and not subject to compensation for time. Travel expenses will be reimbursed by request to the Executive Committee as funds are available, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

5.5. Working Groups

Formal working groups require an approved proposal with objectives, statement of work and timeline. Proposals should be submitted by email and are approved by the Executive Committee.

5.6. Communication

The Executive Committee shall make available communication mechanisms such as the PReSto [website](#), the PReSto [email](#), the EarthCube website, newsletters, meeting minutes and/or other mechanisms that the Executive Committee deems necessary to keep all members of the PReSto community informed of activities and managements. Such communications will facilitate transparency of decisions and actions by the various committees.

The contact information of the various Committee Members are available on the [website](#).