

NAVY MODELING AND SIMULATION GOVERNANCE BOARD CHARTER

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1. AUTHORITY

The Navy Modeling and Simulation Governance Board (hereafter referred to as the M&S Governance Board) is chartered by and reports to the Navy Corporate Business Council (CBC). Per CBC guidance, the M&S Governance Board will work with M&S Community Leads (CLs) and will rely on the Navy Modeling and Simulation Office (NMSO) as its Secretariat to assist the coordination of M&S efforts among existing Navy Functional Area Managers (FAMs), DoD CLs, USMC M&S Sponsors and other Component M&S leadership.

2. BACKGROUND

The Task Force SIM initiative, conducted in accordance with Chief of Naval Operations Guidance for 2004 (CNOG 2004), noted significant issues with enterprise management of Navy M&S. In response to the Task Force SIM report to the CBC in April 2005, the CBC directed establishment of the Modeling and Simulation Governance Board to coordinate efforts for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Navy M&S.

3. MISSION

The mission of the M&S Governance Board is to develop the vision for enterprise management of Navy M&S; coordinate M&S policy and implementation; help resolve enterprise M&S issues; promote commonality, and interoperability within the Navy; and coordinate Navy M&S issues with the larger Joint community.

4. MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION

The M&S Governance Board will be chaired by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition (ASN RD&A) Chief Engineer (ASN RDA CHENG). Other Governance Board members will be drawn from two groups. The first group includes these SES community leads:

- Research, Development, and Acquisition (RDA) CL (ASN RDA)
- Analysis CL (OPNAV N8)
- Training CL (U.S. Fleet Forces Command)
- USMC representative

The second group reflects a cross-section of the M&S community and includes representatives from:

- Virtual SYSCOM (and ONR) representative
- Manpower and Personnel (OPNAV N1)
- Logistics (OPNAV N4)
- DON Comptroller (FMB)
- Doctrine and Experimentation M&S (NWDC)

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The M&S Governance Board will invite representatives from other organizations to attend meetings and to participate in working groups as necessary. These invited Governance Board members will serve at the discretion of the chair. NMSO will function as the Governance Board's "Action Arm" for implementing policy guidance, carrying out the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&Ms) and other recommendations. NMSO will provide an individual to act as Executive Secretary for the M&S Governance Board. It is anticipated that these duties will be consistent with or complementary to NMSO's responsibilities defined in OPNAVINST 5200.34, dated 28 May 2002.

- Leading the coordination and implementation of M&S policy and guidance in their community will be four M&S CLs.

Within their Communities, the CLs will:

- Coordinate and prioritize M&S needs, requirements and technologies.
- Implement policy and guidance established by the Governance Board.
- Support interoperability and reuse of M&S programs across Navy and the DoD M&S Community.
- Represent the Navy as part of DoD enterprise management of M&S.
- Maintain technical cognizance (e.g., standards, VV&A).
- Pursue and promote M&S initiatives within their respective domains.
- Coordinate with and support, as appropriate, the corresponding IT Functional Area Managers for identification and management of M&S applications.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

The M&S Governance Board shall:

- Operate in accordance with this Charter (and any amendments) and as directed by the CBC.
- Coordinate development of Navy M&S vision, strategy, goals, and objectives.
- Act as an umbrella Overarching Integrated Process Team (OIPT) across all M&S FAMs and CLs, with NMSO as its operating agent.
- Determine use of NMSO resources and monitor NMSO execution of the ongoing Navy M&S Transformation Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M).
- Provide Verification, Validation, and Accreditation (VV&A) guidance to the CLs and Program Managers.
- Promote cost savings, commonality and interoperability within the naval service and DoD.
- Keep the Corporate Business Council informed of progress and issues and request guidance on issues requiring CBC resolution.

As part of its role within the M&S Governance Board, NMSO will provide administrative support for CLs and the M&S community of users; provide core services and products to improve M&S within, between and across organizations in the community of users;

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promote and help implement cross cutting M&S projects that improve the Navy's M&S capabilities.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition (ASN RD&A) Chief Engineer (ASN RDA CHENG) as Governance Board chair will serve as the Navy's representative on the DoD M&S Steering Committee (SC).

6. MEETINGS

The M&S Governance Board will meet quarterly. The CLs will meet as necessary to support assigned taskings. CLs will provide updates at the Governance Board meetings. M&S Governance Board actions will be based on consensus of the members when possible, and a simple majority vote when necessary. Matters requiring CBC attention or action will be referred to the CBC with a majority recommendation and rationale and a minority position articulated.

7. REPORTING AUTHORITY

The M&S Governance Board Charter provides the authority to operate. Accountability will be in the form of a semi-annual update of activities to the Corporate Business Council, with reference to the published POA&M and business processes.

8. AGREEMENTS:

Memorandums of agreements or letters of intent will document coordination of the M&S Governance Board with organizations outside the naval enterprise. NMSO will maintain a file of this Charter, any updates or amendments, and any pertinent MOAs/MOUs and letters of intent.

9. APPROVAL:

This Charter is approved when signed. Updates or amendments to this charter will be added as appendices and routed for approval.

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