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**COMMITTEE ON  
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GOVERNING AND OPERATING  
PROCEDURES**



## Committee on National Security Systems

### CHAIR

### FOREWORD

1. This Directive is issued pursuant to National Security Directive (NSD) No. 42, National Policy for the Security of National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems, dated July 5, 1990, and subsequent authorities.
2. This Directive prescribes the governing and operating procedures for the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS), its Subcommittee, Panels, Working Groups, and permanent Secretariat. It also defines the interrelationship between and among the Executive Agent (the Secretary of Defense), the National Manager (the Director, National Security Agency), the Executive Secretary, and the Committee.
3. This Directive supersedes CNSS Directive No. 900, Governing Procedures of the Committee on National Security Systems, dated December 16, 2004.
4. Additional copies of this directive are available at the address listed below or via the CNSS website ([www.cnss.gov](http://www.cnss.gov)).

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## **COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEMS GOVERNING PROCEDURES**

### **SECTION I – PURPOSE**

1. The *Committee on National Security Systems* Directive (CNSSD) No. 900 establishes the governing and operating procedures for the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS), to include Subcommittee, Panels, Working Groups, and the permanent Secretariat.

### **SECTION II – AUTHORITY**

2. The authority to issue this directive derives from National Security Directive 42, which outlines the roles and responsibilities for securing national security systems (NSS), consistent with applicable law, E.O. 12333, as amended, and other Presidential directives.

3. Nothing in this directive alters or supersedes the authorities of the Director of National Intelligence.

### **SECTION III – SCOPE**

4. This directive delineates the roles, responsibilities, and interrelationships among the Executive Agent, the National Manager, the Executive Secretary, the Committee, and all entities supporting activities of the CNSS.

### **SECTION IV – DIRECTIVE**

#### 5. Membership

a. The CNSS Members are listed in ANNEX A.

b. Criteria for New Members:

1) Members of the Committee must represent a cabinet-level Department/Agency (D/A) or a sub-component of a cabinet-level D/A whose primary mission has significant national security/diplomatic responsibilities.

2) In addition to those members specifically identified in NSD-42 (or their successor organizations), D/As or other Executive Branch organizations eligible to be Members of the Committee include:

- a) Owners/operators of classified computer networks;
- b) Those with significant numbers of national security system users (although they may only be “subscribers”); or
- c) Those having significant oversight or joint/overlapping authorities (not Information Assurance (IA) related) applicable to NSS systems or networks, or National Security Information.

3) Member D/As may seek approval from the Committee to represent other D/As and/or Offices who do not qualify directly to serve as a member of the Committee.

4) Prospective Members must meet the above criteria and be sponsored by a Member. Upon sponsorship, the request for membership will be considered and voted upon at a Committee meeting.

c. In addition to Members, Observers may participate in CNSS activities. Observers represent other D/As from the Executive Branch, Department of Defense (DoD), the Intelligence Community (IC), and Civil Agencies that own, operate, or control NSS. Refer to ANNEX A for a full list of Members and Observers.

d. Prospective Observers must be sponsored by a Member. Prior to attending any Committee meetings, a prospective Observer must submit a request to the Secretariat with a stated mission need based on the sponsoring Member’s organization. The prospective Observer’s request will be considered by the Committee Members. The Committee Chair/Co-Chair must call for a vote on the request at a Committee meeting.

e. Heads of D/As listed in ANNEX A must designate primary and alternate representatives to serve on the Committee and must ensure designees possess, at a minimum, a current Top Secret security clearance with SCI access. Designees must ensure their clearances are certified annually to the National Security Agency (NSA) Office of Security. These designations must be submitted in writing to the CNSS Chair/Co-Chair and state that the individuals must be empowered to make decisions for their D/A. The Secretariat must be notified within 10 working days of any changes in representation.

## 6. Structure

a. **Committee:** The Committee carries out the work of protecting NSS. It has been established to consider technical matters and develop operating policies, procedures, guidelines, instructions, and standards as necessary to implement NSD-42.

b. **Executive Agent:** The Secretary of Defense serves as the Executive Agent for United States Government (USG) NSS, as designated in NSD-42.

c. **National Manager:** The Director, National Security Agency (NSA), serves as the National Manager, as designated in NSD-42.

d. **Committee Chair/Co-Chair:** The Committee is chaired by the Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Officer (CIO), or its successor, who will serve as the Committee Chair, as designated in NSD-42. The Co-Chair is a 2-year rotational position that will alternate between the IC and Civil Agency members. The Committee selects the Co-Chair.

e. **Subcommittee:** The Subcommittee is chartered to make recommendations to the Committee concerning CNSS responsibilities and must be composed of representatives from the participating Members and Observers.

f. **Subcommittee Tri-Chairs:** The Subcommittee is Tri-Chaired by Member agencies representing Defense, Intelligence, and Civil Agency Communities. The Subcommittee Tri-Chairs oversee the work of the Subcommittee and the Working Groups.

g. **Panels:** Panels will be formed to support the Subcommittee, as approved by CNSS membership in the areas of: architecture, safeguarding, information sharing, and operations policy as stated in Section V. Panels will be led by Co-Chairs who are from Subcommittee Member or Observer agencies, and will be approved by the Committee Chair and Co-Chair. The Panel Co-Chairs will oversee the work of their Working Groups or other working bodies as assigned, and will report to the Subcommittee Tri-Chairs. (See ANNEXES F-I.)

h. **Working Groups:** Working Groups are established to identify and address issues to guide the protection of NSS. Working Groups consist of a Chair and/or Co-Chair and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from the various Member and Observer organizations. The procedures, clearance requirements, and specific responsibilities for these groups are governed by a separate charter.

i. **Quick Reaction/Tiger Teams:** Quick Reaction Teams (QRT) and Tiger Teams are formed as needed by Working Group Chairs, Subcommittee Chairs, or the Committee Chair/Co-Chair to address short turn-around tasks. QRT tasks are to be completed within 30 days and Tiger Team tasks are to be completed within 90 days.

j. **CNSS Enterprise Risk Management Board (CERMB):** The CERMB is charged with providing oversight for risk management-related activities across the NSS fabric, deferring to the IC Information Security Risk Management Committee (ISRMC) for the TS/SCI fabric. The CERMB will, as appropriate, meet jointly with the IC ISRMC to share risk assessments and recommendations on areas of joint concern, to include cross domain solutions. The CERMB ensures consistent risk management by providing a community-wide perspective to assess cross-cutting risks to NSS operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation. The CERMB will make timely risk management recommendations to the Committee regarding network and information system interconnections (including cross domain connections) and access to NSS, from any Federal Department to an organization outside of that

Department, based on minimum connection standards, risk assessment and operational impact. The CERMB reports to the Committee.

k. **Observers:** Observers serve at the Committee and Subcommittee levels.

l. **Executive Secretary/Secretariat:** The Executive Secretary and the Secretariat staff is a permanent body that provides administrative support to the Committee, Subcommittee, and subordinate panels and working groups. It is composed of personnel provided by NSA and other personnel from membership D/As, as requested by the Committee Chair/Co-Chair.

## 7. Meetings

a. The Committee and Subcommittee must each meet at least quarterly during the calendar year. The Committee Chair/ Co-Chair and the Subcommittee Tri-Chairs may call special meetings of their respective organizations when necessary.

b. Panels and Working Groups supporting the Committee and Subcommittees meet at the call of their respective Chairs or as established by charters.

c. The Committee Chair/Co-Chair may convene meetings of Members only, as necessary.

d. Committee Members or their Alternates are required to attend Committee Meetings and will have two seats at the meeting. The Subcommittee Members are encouraged to attend as the Committee Member's "plus one". Subcommittee Tri-Chairs should attend Committee meetings, and Observers will have one seat at the Committee and Subcommittee meetings.

e. Subcommittee Tri-Chairs may call Subcommittee meetings as necessary.

f. Recommended agenda items for the Committee and Subcommittee meetings and for conferences must be submitted to the Secretariat as directed.

## 8. Voting

a. The Committee Chair/Co-Chair do not vote. Only Committee Members (or their delegated authority) have voting privileges. Observers are encouraged to comment on issues before the Committee.

b. Complete voting procedures related to CNSS issuances are detailed in the *Committee on National Security Systems Issuance System Directive*, No. 901 (CNSSD No. 901). All other issues brought to the Committee are considered according to the procedures described below. (Note: Panel charters, which subsequently will become annexes, do not go through the complete issuance voting process. There will be a 15-day Formal Subcommittee Review period after which the Committee has 10 days to vote during the Formal Committee Vote period. There is no formal comment period.)

- c. Generally, issuance review is the only topic voted on electronically. However, the Committee Chair may request that other issues be handled through the electronic voting mechanism.
- d. The Committee must review all documentation pertinent to the action under consideration.
- e. The Committee Chair/Co-Chair may call for a vote at a Committee meeting.
- f. To render decisions, a quorum must be present for a meeting of the Committee. A quorum must constitute the presence of more than two-thirds of the Members. All Members present will be polled in whatever order the Committee Chair/Co-Chair deems appropriate, and asked to cast a vote. Members have one vote. There must be no abstentions. Members must neither promise nor cast proxy votes. Approval of 80% of the quorum is required to carry an action forward.
- g. The Secretariat must document the vote and include the result in the Summary of the meeting.

9. Compliance Monitoring:

- a. The Subcommittee is responsible for managing the CNSS compliance monitoring and compliance deferral process, deferring to the IC Information Security Risk Management Committee (ISRMC) for the TS/SCI fabric.
- b. The CNSS Compliance Monitoring Process is carried out through formal procedures. D/As electing to pursue a Deferred Compliance Authorization (DCA) from a CNSS issuance requirement must use the established guidelines.
- c. The procedures regarding compliance monitoring and deferred compliance can be found in ANNEX C.

10. Logo:

- a. The CNSS logo is a registered trademark and requires authorization for its use.
- b. The Secretariat must review and approve the use of the CNSS logo for the Committee Chair/Co-Chair, as appropriate.

**SECTION V – RESPONSIBILITIES**

11. The Executive Agent must:



- a. Ensure the development of plans and programs to fulfill the objectives of NSD-42, including the development of necessary security architectures.
- b. Approve and provide minimum security standards and doctrine for NSS.
- c. Conduct, approve, or endorse research and development of techniques and equipment to secure NSS.
- d. Review and assess the National Manager's recommendations on the proposed NSS and budgets for the Executive D/A.
- e. Submit, annually, the security status of NSS through the National Security Council (NSC) to the President.

12. The Director, NSA as National Manager must:

- a. Approve and sign CNSS Instructions and Advisory Memoranda.
- b. Maintain a permanent Secretariat composed of personnel from NSA and other personnel from the Executive D/As represented on the Committee, as requested by the CNSS Committee Chair/Co-Chair.
- c. Provide personnel, facilities, and support to the Committee, as requested by the Committee Chair/Co-Chair.
- d. Review and assess the proposed NSS and budgets for the Executive D/A.
- e. Oversee the development of NSA Office of Primary Interest's (OPI's) issuances.

13. The Committee Chair/Co-Chair must:

- a. Keep the Executive Agent informed of significant current issues.
- b. Preside over Committee meetings.
- c. Keep Members and Observers apprised of all Committee activities.
- d. Approve and sign CNSS Policies and Directives. **(Note: Only the Committee Chair has this authority.)**
- e. Assign actions and responsibilities as needed to support Committee goals and objectives.
- f. Approve nomination of the Tri-Chairs of the Subcommittee.

g. Authorize the establishment of permanent and temporary groups to discharge responsibilities.

h. In response to critical events with policy and operational implications for NSS, convene Committee members, or a subset of Members, to coordinate governance actions to safeguard NSS during events with policy and operational implications for NSS.

i. Reserve the right to convene a meeting of only voting members.

j. Approve the Program of Work developed by the Subcommittee.

14. The Committee Membership (Principal and Alternate Members) must:

a. Develop specific objectives and priorities as may be required to implement NSD-42.

b. Provide information assurance (IA) guidance to U.S. Government D/As.

c. Ensure review of the security status of NSS with respect to established objectives and priorities and inform the Committee Chair/Co-Chair.

d. Annually prepare and submit to the Executive Agent an evaluation on the security status of NSS with respect to established objectives and priorities.

e. Recommend establishment of special groups to support Committee responsibilities, monitor their progress, and provide guidance.

f. Approve the release of U.S. Government cryptologic NSS technical security material, information, and techniques to foreign governments or international organizations.

g. Interact and collaborate with other national-level organizations established by Executive Orders to ensure the coordinated execution of assigned responsibilities.

h. Be actively involved in all Committee matters.

i. Ensure that their organizations are represented at meetings, as necessary.

j. Be knowledgeable of the Committee structure and processes.

k. Be empowered to make decisions on all Committee issues for their D/A.

l. Ensure effective and timely internal D/A coordination of all issues before the Committee.

m. Provide their respective organizations' positions on issues before the Committee.

- n. Apprise their respective organizations of Committee issues.
- o. Identify new issues of common concern.
- p. Ensure that Committee issuances, procedures, and responsibilities are implemented within their organizations in accordance with CNSSD No. 901.
- q. Provide appropriate resources, including funding, personnel, and equipment, in support of the Committee Chair/Co-Chair and CNSS Secretariat responsibilities as required by NSD-42.
- r. Have representation on the Subcommittee and on at least one Working Group and/or Tiger Team. The Committee Member is responsible for identifying Primary and Alternate Subcommittee Members from the parent organization.
- s. Vote on matters before the Committee.
- t. Ensure that, for any contractors sponsored by their own organization to represent them, a copy of the commitment letter and the contractor's signed nondisclosure agreement is forwarded to the Secretariat. All guidelines and constraints must be clearly defined. Contractors may not chair a Working Group.

15. The Subcommittee Tri-Chairs must:

- a. Preside over Subcommittee meetings.
- b. Ensure the implementation of the Committee's decisions.
- c. Approve Subcommittee nominations for Panel leadership.
- d. Establish Working Groups and other temporary groups to address specific security issues and remain cognizant of their progress and results.
- e. Oversee the Panels and Working Groups assigned to them, respectively.
- f. Prioritize activities based on input from the Committee.
- g. Select Working Group Chairs/Co-Chairs.
- h. Meet periodically with Working Group Chairs/Co-Chairs.
- i. Ensure that activities in the CNSS program of work (POW) are carried out and consistent with the Committee's goals and objectives by developing and maintaining a Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M). Consider any new work to be addressed by the Subcommittee Panels and, if accepted, include the new work in the POA&M.

j. Provide the Committee status reports on Panel and Working Group activities, as necessary.

k. Attend Committee meetings.

16. The Subcommittee Panels must:

a. Provide technical guidance to the Subcommittee Tri-Chairs and Working Groups.

b. Manage the issuances in the POA&M that are related to their respective Panels by forming and overseeing Working Groups, QRTs, and Tiger Teams, as necessary.

c. Periodically review their issuances for currency, relevancy, etc. and recommend update or cancellation to the Subcommittee. In concert with Working Groups, determine which issuances should be updated or canceled, and devise a priority list in consultation with the pertinent Working Group to ensure that all issuances are reviewed at least every 3 years after being signed.

d. Assist with cross-functionality with other panels to ensure that the Working Groups are coordinating properly to prevent duplication of effort and leveraging each others work when applicable.

e. Ensure consistency in the CNSS issuances being developed.

f. Develop strategic budget and implementation plans, as necessary.

g. Recommend courses of action to the Subcommittee Tri-Chairs as a result of POA&M tasks.

h. Follow the guidance outlined in the descriptions and/or charters in ANNEXES F-I for their respective Panel.

17. The Subcommittee (Principal and Alternate Members) must:

a. Recommend and develop objectives and priorities required to achieve the mandates of NSD-42.

b. Carry out the CNSS Compliance Monitoring Process. Ensure compliance monitoring is tracked in their respective organization via the POA&M.

c. Provide a forum for exchanging IA guidelines among Committee Members and Observers.

d. Provide to the Committee Chair/Co-Chair status reports and identify issues requiring Committee attention.

- e. Liaise as appropriate with other bodies chartered with similar responsibilities to ensure the coordinated execution of CNSS assigned responsibilities.
- f. Ensure their D/A is notified of all Committee decisions and any extenuating issues addressed.
- g. Ensure that their Committee Member is aware of and understands issuances being developed.
- h. Recommend a voting option (either concur or non-concur with critical comments) to their respective Committee Member on issues coming up for Committee review and vote.
- i. Ensure that their organizations are represented at meetings, as necessary.
- j. Meet all suspense actions within the time required.
- k. Fully coordinate all responses within their respective organization.
- l. Identify SMEs to serve on QRTs, Tiger Teams, and Working Groups.

18. Working Group Chairs must:

- a. Regularly update the POA&M.
- b. Track and meet the milestones laid out in the POA&M.
- c. Elevate concerns and issues to Panel Chair or Co-Chair as required.
- d. Adjudicate comments on issuances in accordance with time constraints established in CNSSD No. 901.
- e. Responsible for regular interaction with Working Group members, to include conducting status checks on issuances.

19. Working Group Members must:

- a. Draft or collaborate on CNSS issuances and/or complete other work as assigned.
- b. Each member must keep their Subcommittee representative informed of the status of issuances the Working Group is developing, as well as any other issues that may be pertinent.
- c. At least every 3 years after being signed, review all issuances related to the Working Group and suggest to the appropriate Subcommittee Panel which issuances should be

updated or canceled. With the Subcommittee Panel, determine a prioritized list of issuances and to be revised or canceled.

d. Ensure that they represent their D/A's position while participating in Working Group activities.

20. Quick Reaction/Tiger Teams must:

- a. Study and make recommendations to resolve specific tasks/issues.
- b. Develop, review, and adjudicate draft issuances, as required.
- c. Complete tasks in 30 days or less (QRT).
- d. Complete tasks in 90 days or less (Tiger Team).

21. The CERMB must:

a. Establish its responsibilities, activities and business processes in a charter which must be approved by the Committee.

22. Observers will:

- a. Attend Committee meetings and participate in Committee activities.
- b. Attend Subcommittee meetings and participate in Subcommittee activities.
- c. Participate in Working Groups, Tiger Teams, QRTs, and the development of issuances.
- d. Provide written comments on issuances going through the review process.
- e. Provide their respective organizations' position on issues presented before the Committee.
- f. Apprise their respective organizations of Committee issues.
- g. Identify new issues of common concern.
- h. Ensure that, for any contractors sponsored by their own organization to represent them, a copy of the commitment letter and the contractor's signed nondisclosure agreement is forwarded to the Secretariat. All guidelines and constraints must be clearly defined. Contractors may not chair a Working Group.

23. The Executive Secretary and/or the Secretariat must:

- a. Inform the Committee Members and Observers on the status of the CNSS POW/POA&M content, structure, processes, and procedures.
- b. Provide administrative support to the Committee, Subcommittee, and supporting groups as appropriate.
- c. Maintain official records of meetings and other activities.
- d. Prepare, distribute, and maintain official records of CNSS correspondence.
- e. Establish and maintain a national system for promulgating operating policies, directives, instructions, and advisory information. The Secretariat is responsible for maintaining the CNSS issuance system in accordance with CNSSD No. 901.
- f. Maintain current CNSS rosters.
- g. Coordinate the review and approval of foreign release of U.S. Government cryptologic NSS technical security material, information, and techniques through the CNSS Members.
- h. Maintain the CNSS web presence on the Internet. Publish CNSS issuances and documentation on the CNSS on-line libraries.
- i. Provide Members and Observers information on all decisions, recommendations, and findings.
- j. Review and approve the use of the CNSS logo for the Committee Chair, as appropriate.
- k. Provide on-going training to the Committee Members regarding the CNSS structure, processes, and voting procedures.
- l. Develop and distribute all yearly meeting schedules for the Committee and Subcommittees.
- m. Send out a call for nominees before the 2-year tenure has expired.
- n. Manage membership contributions. See ANNEX B.

Enclosures:

ANNEX A - CNSS Membership

ANNEX B - Management of CNSS Member Contributions

ANNEX C - CNSS Compliance Monitoring and Deferred Compliance

ANNEX D - References

ANNEX E - Five Eyes Nations Participation in CNSS Issuances

ANNEX F - Information Sharing Panel

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ANNEX H - Architecture Panel

ANNEX I - Safeguarding Panel

ANNEX J - Organizational Diagram



## **ANNEX A**

### **CNSS MEMBERSHIP**

#### **CHAIR**

The Committee on National Security Systems is chaired by the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (CIO).

#### **MEMBERS**

The Committee is composed of a voting Member from each of the following:

- The Secretary of State
- The Secretary of the Treasury
- The Secretary of Defense
- The Attorney General
- The Secretary of Commerce
- The Secretary of Transportation
- The Secretary of Energy
- The Secretary of Homeland Security
- Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- Director of National Intelligence
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Administrator, General Services Administration
- The Chief of Staff, United States Army
- The Chief of Naval Operations
- The Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
- Commandant, United States Marine Corps
- Director, Central Intelligence Agency
- Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency
- Director, National Security Agency

#### **OBSERVERS**

The Committee is composed of a non-voting Observer from each of the following:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
- Defense Information Systems Agency
- National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Federal Communications Commission
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Information Security Oversight Office
- National Reconnaissance Office

National Archives and Records Administration  
Office of Science and Technology Policy  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
United States Strategic Command  
Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment

The Subcommittee is composed of Members from the same composition as the Committee and of Observers from the same composition as the Committee Observers with the exception of United States Strategic Command and the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment.

The following additional organizations also serve as Subcommittee Observers:

Defense Logistics Agency  
Defense Threat Reduction Agency  
Department of Education  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Labor  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Reserve Board  
National Cryptologic Representative Defense  
Office of Personnel Management  
United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
United States Customs and Border Protection  
United States Cyber Command  
United States Secret Service  
United States Senate  
White House Communications Agency

## **ANNEX B**

### **MANAGEMENT OF CNSS MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS**

1. Department of Defense, as the Executive Agent and/or Director NSA, as the National Manager, let and administer all contract vehicles to support CNSS work.
2. The Secretariat is responsible for requesting CNSS membership funding and will manage the Technical Task Order (TTO) under an approved contract or serve as the Program Manager on an NSA contract.
3. Committee Members review the Statement of Work for any contract let for CNSS work.
4. TTOs are established to provide general support to CNSS meetings and events, as well as specific contractor support to Working Groups.
5. Requests for contractor support must be submitted through the Secretariat. Any support requested must include requirements documentation requesting general and specific contractor support.
6. The Secretariat provides all Working Group/Tiger Team/QRT contractor support requirement requests to the Subcommittee Tri-Chairs for review and approval.
7. Working Group requirements approved for contractor support must be submitted to the Secretariat to be incorporated into the appropriate contract vehicles.
8. The Secretariat will provide a financial report(s) to the Committee Members and the Subcommittee Tri-Chairs at meetings, or as required.

## ANNEX C

### **CNSS COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND DEFERRED COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

The Continuous Monitoring and Compliance Assessment Working Group will finalize a documented process for CNSS Compliance Monitoring and Deferred Compliance. That document will become Annex C.

Chair/Co-Chair Framing Statements:

- Issuances will have compliance maturity milestones with dates.
- Compliance monitoring will be part of the Subcommittee process in conjunction with the POA&M.
- Deferred compliance will be a Committee responsibility working with Members and the Senior Information Sharing and Safeguarding Steering Committee for agreement on risk management.

## **ANNEX D**

### **REFERENCES**

- a. (U) National Security Directive 42, National Policy for the Security of the National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems, July 1990.
- b. (U) Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities, as amended by Executive Orders 13284 (2003), 13355 (2004) and 13470 (2008).
- c. (U) Executive Order 13587, Structural Reforms to Improve the Security of Classified Networks and the Responsible Sharing and Safeguarding of Classified Information, October 7, 2011.

**ANNEX E****FIVE EYES NATIONS PARTICIPATION IN CNSS ISSUANCES**

1. The CNSS will establish, when necessary, a CNSS Foreign Partner Advisory Group to review and consider topics in CNSS issuances deemed to have foreign partner implications. The CNSS Foreign Partner Advisory Group will consist of the Chair of the Working Group responsible for the issuance, the CNSS Secretariat representative to that Working Group, an ODNI CNSS member, a CIA CNSS member, and an NSA Foreign Affairs Directorate (FAD) liaison. A chair of the advisory group will be selected at the kickoff meeting.

2. The CNSS Foreign Partner Advisory Group will, at its discretion, consider topics offered by Five Eyes (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, & United States) partner representatives, FAD liaisons, the CNSS Working Group Chair, CNSS members, or others, deemed to have a global IA implication.

3. The CNSS, at its discretion, may extend an invitation to the Five Eyes partners to participate in the review and comment of certain Subcommittee draft issuances for topics deemed, by the CNSS Foreign Partner Advisory Group, to have foreign partner implications.

4. Comments on CNSS draft issuances received from Five Eyes partners will be considered and incorporated, as deemed applicable and appropriate by the CNSS Foreign Partner Advisory Group and appropriate CNSS WG. Additionally, Five Eyes partners will not hold any voting privileges for any CNSS issuance.

5. All engagement with Five Eyes partners should be integrated and coordinated with other activities with Five Eyes Partners. This coordination will be accomplished through the CNSS Secretariat, and the CNSS Members' Community Five Eyes partner liaisons; via the NSA Foreign Affairs Directorate liaisons.

## ANNEX F

### INFORMATION SHARING PANEL

**NOTE: This draft language provides a general outline of the proposed role of the Panel and its relationship to other entities within and outside the CNSS. A final draft to be submitted to the CNSS voting process will be developed by the Panel's permanent membership, and will provide additional detail of the proposed scope and organization of the Panel. This initial draft has been prepared by the Panel Chair and the Subcommittee Tri-Chair designated by CNSS leadership; the final charter will go through a Subcommittee review and Committee voting process as an annex to the CNSSD No. 900.**

#### Scope

The Information Sharing Panel has the following responsibilities:

1. Working with other Panels and the Subcommittee, the Information Sharing Panel will work to ensure that the priority of effective information sharing is represented in all CNSS activities, and integrated with security and other considerations in the issuances, decisions and recommendations of the Subcommittee. Input from the Information-Sharing Panel on common requirements for information-sharing capabilities will be particularly important for the work of the Architecture Panel.

2. To promote coordination, consistency and leveraging of efforts between CNSS and other organizations with information-sharing authorities or a major stake in the effective information sharing of classified network fabrics. The Panel will make recommendations for processes to assure that coordination of CNSS issuances with other information-sharing stakeholders is efficient and results in guidance that meets the needs of information custodians and system operators.

#### Panel Membership

The Panel's permanent membership will be formed according to the criteria in Section IV.6.g. All permanent Members shall be Federal employees of a CNSS Member or Observer organization, and must have the endorsement of their organization's Primary Subcommittee representative. All three Federal communities—Defense, Intelligence Community (non-DoD), and Civil agencies (non-Title-10/Non-Title-50)—shall be represented in the Panel's permanent membership. In addition, CIA will retain permanent membership on the Panel. Permanent Panel members should be familiar with and able to represent authoritatively the information-sharing policies and priorities of their Department, Agency or organization. The Panel's membership shall also include the leadership of any Working Groups, Tiger Teams, or QRTs that may be created to accomplish the Panel's work.

Support for the Panel

Information Sharing subject-matter expert support for Information Sharing Panel will be provided primarily by the PM-ISE Classified Information Sharing and Safeguarding Office (CISSO), which is staffed by assignees from the Senior Information Sharing and Safeguarding Steering Committee with limited contractor support provided by PM-ISE. PM-ISE will also provide meeting facilities in Washington, DC, subject to availability. In coordination with the CNSS secretariat, administrative support to the panel will be provided by the CISSO staff.



## ANNEX G

### OPERATIONS POLICY PANEL

**NOTE: This draft language provides a general outline of the proposed role of the Panel and its relationship to other entities within and outside the CNSS. A final draft to be submitted to the CNSS voting process will be developed by the Panel's permanent membership, and will provide additional detail of the proposed scope and organization of the Panel. This initial draft has been prepared by the Panel Chair and the Subcommittee Tri-Chair designated by CNSS leadership; the final charter will go through a Subcommittee review and Committee voting process as an annex to the CNSSD No. 900.**

#### Scope

The Operations Policy Panel has the following responsibilities:

1. Oversee development of CNSS guidance for NSS operations across the federal government. Working groups within this panel will develop policies, minimum standards and procedures for panel designated subject areas, including, but not limited to:

- Incident management
- Operational coordination
- Situational awareness (including threat states of NSS networks and critical infrastructure)
- Operations management
- Status reporting (including Department/Agency implementation progress)
- Emergency response operating procedures
- Operational relevance of educational content and standards
- Training standards, venues and delivery methodologies
- IA Awareness training normalization

2. Coordinate with organizations across the federal government on strategic network and security issues which may impact NSS operations (as described above), in order to ensure the CNSS membership is informed of potential operational issues. This coordination function may also include collaborating with the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI) 5 Cyber Operations Centers, the National Cyber Incidence Response Plan's interagency Cyber Unified Coordination Group, the U.S. Cyber Command, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and Federal CIO Council Information Security and Identity Management Committee (ISIMC).

3. Coordinate with the Cyber Operations Centers and CNSS members and panels to ensure that as risk management decisions are made, they are considered as potential precedent in the development of CNSS policies and standards.

### Panel Membership

The Panel's permanent membership will be formed according to the criteria in Section IV.6.g. All permanent Members shall be Federal employees of a CNSS Member or Observer organization, and must have the endorsement of their organization's Primary Subcommittee representative. All three Federal communities—Defense, Intelligence Community (non-DOD), and Civil agencies (non-Title-10/Non-Title-50)—shall be represented in the Panel's permanent membership. Permanent Panel members should be familiar with and able to represent authoritatively the information-sharing policies and priorities of their Department, Agency or organization. The Panel's membership shall also include the leadership of any Working Groups, Tiger Teams, or QRTs that may be created to accomplish the Panel's work.

### Support for the Panel

Administrative support to the panel will be provided by the CNSS secretariat.

## ANNEX H

### ARCHITECTURE PANEL

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#### Scope

The Architecture Panel has the following responsibilities:

1. Oversee development of an architecture framework and standards for NSS and associated shared/common services across the federal government. Working groups under this panel will develop policies, minimum standards and procedures for panel designated subject areas, including, but not limited to:

- Enterprise Architectures
- Public Key Infrastructure
- Wireless Communications
- Mobile Devices
- Cryptographic Modernization

2. Coordinate with organizations across the federal government on issues that may affect NSS architectural development and leverage their architectural efforts with particular emphasis on the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community which between them operate the majority of NSS.

#### Panel Membership

The Panel's permanent membership will be formed according to the criteria in Section IV.6.g. All permanent Members shall be Federal employees of a CNSS Member or Observer organization, and must have the endorsement of their organization's Primary Subcommittee representative. All three Federal communities—Defense, Intelligence Community (non-DoD), and Civil agencies (non-Title-10/Non-Title-50)—shall be represented in the Panel's permanent membership. Permanent Panel members should be familiar with and able to represent authoritatively the architecture policies and priorities of their Department, Agency or organization. The Panel's membership shall also include the leadership of any Working Groups,

Tiger Teams, or QRTs that may be created to accomplish the Panel's work.

Support for the Panel

Administrative support to the panel will be provided by the CNSS secretariat.

## ANNEX I

### SAFEGUARDING PANEL

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#### Scope

The Safeguarding Panel has the following responsibilities:

1. Oversee development of issuances on safeguarding of NSS, and the information that resides on them, across the federal government. Working groups under this panel will develop policies, directives, and instructions for panel designated subject areas, including, but not limited to:

- Risk Management (Generally)
- The Risk Management Framework
- Security Categorization and Control Selection
- Space Systems
- Insider Threat
- Telephony
- Classified Information Spillage
- TEMPEST
- Supply Chain

2. Coordinate with organizations across the federal government on strategic cybersecurity issues that may impact the safeguarding of NSS in order to ensure the CNSS safeguarding issuances are comprehensive and conform to all applicable Federal statutes and Executive Orders and are complementary to other Federal guidance regarding cybersecurity. This will include coordinating with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI), the U.S. Cyber Command, and the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA).

## Panel Membership

The Panel's permanent membership will be formed according to the criteria in Section IV.6.g. All permanent Members shall be Federal employees of a CNSS Member or Observer organization, and must have the endorsement of their organization's Primary Subcommittee representative. All three Federal communities—Defense, Intelligence Community (non-DoD), and Civil agencies (non-Title-10/Non-Title-50)—shall be represented in the Panel's permanent membership. Permanent Panel members should be familiar with and able to represent authoritatively the safeguarding policies and priorities of their Department, Agency or organization. The Panel's membership shall also include the leadership of any Working Groups, Tiger Teams, or QRTs that may be created to accomplish the Panel's work.

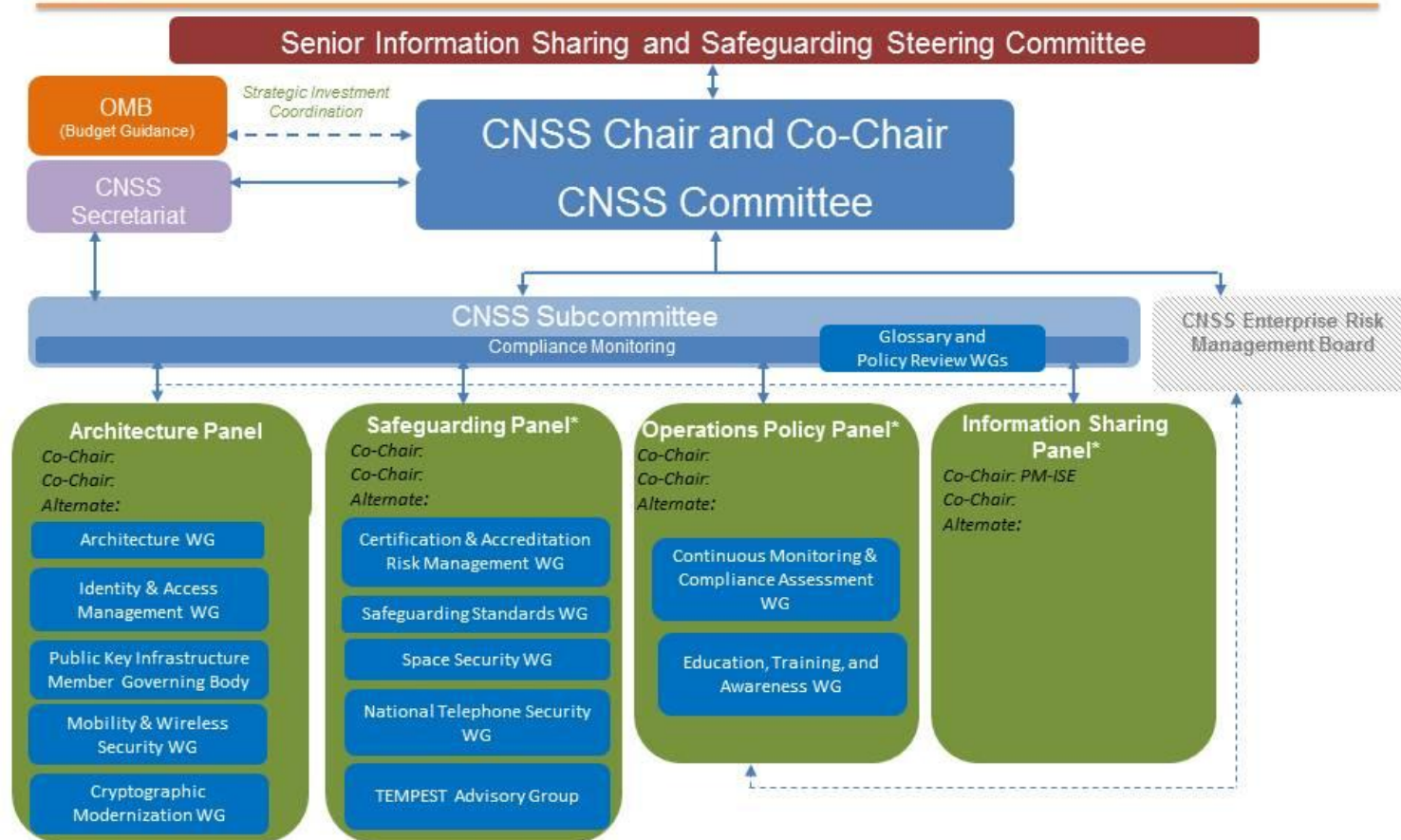
## Support for the Panel

Administrative support to the panel will be provided by the CNSS secretariat.

ANNEX J



# Organizational Structure



\*Panels consist of two Co-Chairs, an Alternate Co-Chair, WG Chairs, and Subject Matter Experts