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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee

May 9, 2024

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Welcome and Updates

Alina M. Semo

**Director, Office of Government
Information Services
and Chairperson,
FOIA Advisory Committee**





Housekeeping



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Oral public comments will be heard at the end of today's meeting.



The meeting will be recorded and posted online at: archives.gov/ogis/foia-advisory-committee/2022-2024-term



The meeting is scheduled start at 10:00 a.m. ET.



Committee Bylaw Amendments



Kirsten B. Mitchell

Designated Federal Officer
FOIA Advisory Committee



Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- Article 2. Authority:
 - more accurate reflection of OGIS's role
- Article 3. Membership:
 - align with charter / no reduction in seats
 - participation expectations
- Article 4. Meetings:
 - Frequency
 - Quorum



Proposed Bylaw Amendments (cont'd)

- Article 5. Voting:
 - Roll call and vote reporting

- Article 6. Committee Officers and Responsibilities
 - Chairperson and Vice Chairperson language from existing charter
 - Designated Federal Officer and alternate(s)

- Article 7
 - technical amendment



Proposed Bylaw Amendments (cont'd)

- Article 9. Amendment of Charter and Bylaws
 - No proposed changes to this article
 - Amendments must conform to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
 - Confirmation of receipt by members
 - Amendments require agreement by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Committee's members: 13



Implementation Subcommittee



National Archives Identifier 24472221

David Cuillier (co-chair)
Michael Heise (co-chair)
Jason R. Baron
Alexander Howard
Luke Nichter
Catrina Pavlik-Keenan
Tom Susman
Benjamin Tingo
Patricia Weth



Proposed Recommendation I-1

We recommend that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Office of Information Policy (OIP) follow up with selected agencies and other government entities in an effort to increase compliance with past recommendations of the FOIA Advisory Committee.



Proposed Recommendation I-2

We recommend that the Office of Information Policy (OIP) include one or more specific questions in Annual Chief FOIA Officer (CFO) reports requesting agencies to report on activities that they have implemented consistent with selected FOIA Advisory Committee recommendations.



Proposed Recommendation I-3

We recommend that the FOIA Advisory Committee create an Implementation working group, to be charged with:

1. providing a summary of previous recommendations to the Committee early in the term;
2. coordinating with Subcommittees throughout the term to provide research and context from previous terms related to their work;
3. conducting research throughout the term to assess progress on previous selected recommendations; and
4. highlighting for the Committee recommendations that could use further attention including proposing ways to achieve greater implementation.



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FOIA Advisory Committee is on a break: back soon!

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Final Report Working Group update



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Mark your calendars!

The final meeting of the 2022-
2024 term is

Thursday, June 13, 2024