



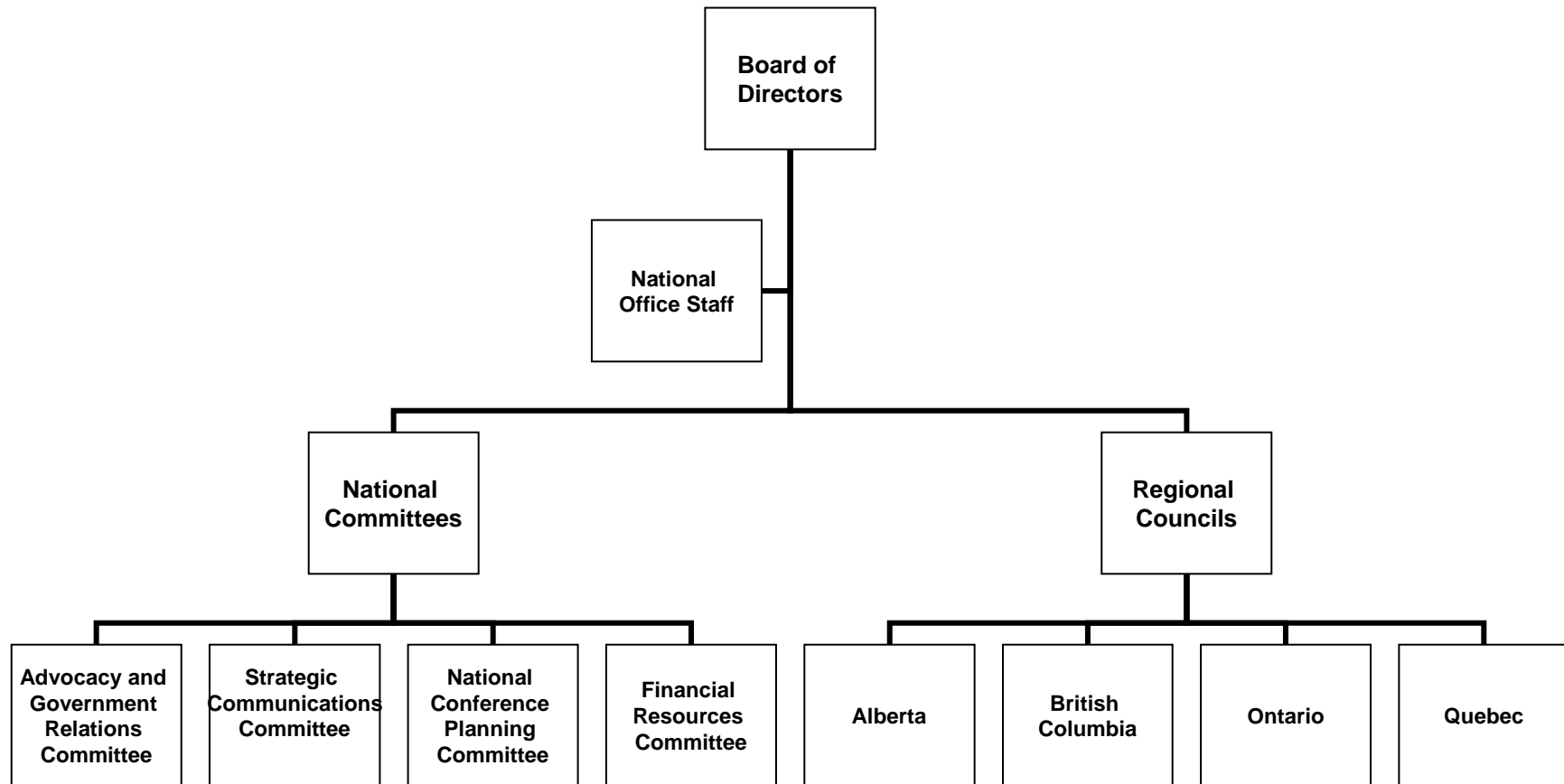
ACPM Update: Advocacy and Government Relations Committee (AGRC)

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ACPM Guiding Principles

- Clarity in legislation, regulations and retirement income arrangements
- Balanced consideration of other stakeholders' interests
- Excellence in governance and administration

ACPM Structure



AGRC - Composition

- Committee consists of broad membership drawn from different industry segments and all regions of Canada
- All members must be individual members of ACPM in good standing
- The Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed by the ACPM Board of Directors
- Chair appoints members in consultation with the Vice-Chair, and the President and CE of the ACPM as vacancies arise

What Does the AGRC Do?

Mythical Benefit (404)

Like a newly launched defined benefit plan, this page also does not exist.



Source: Benefits Canada web-site.

AGRC - Purpose and Authority

1. To **monitor** and **identify issues** which can affect the health and growth of Canada's retirement income system;
2. To **develop** and **advocate policy positions** on these issues, consistent with ACPM's Guiding Principles;
3. To **coordinate** the ACPM's **policy stances** on regional issues which have the potential to affect pension stakeholders in a significant way;
4. To actively **participate in policy consultation requests** from pension regulators and governments;
5. To **keep the Board abreast** of the work of the Committee and seek Board input on major policy issues; and
6. To **provide input on other ACPM initiatives**, as appropriate (e.g., conferences, charters, Guiding Principles).

Interrelationship with other ACPM Bodies

- Committee efforts **focus on developing ACPM policies on major issues**
 - Includes coordinating ACPM regional policies to ensure that they conform to ACPM overall Mission and Guiding Principles
- Responsible for **referring key issues to the Strategic Communications Committee** for follow-up, and referring issues to regional councils as appropriate
- **Provides input to regional councils** when requested to consider issues which require national input
- **Works with other industry advocacy organizations** as appropriate

Policies Developed in 2010-2011

- **Publications**
 - ACPM Five Point Plan
- **Comment Letters**
 - Comment Letters on GST/HST and Pension Plans
 - Response to Federal Government Proposal re Priority of Pension Liabilities in Bankruptcies and Insolvencies
 - Letter to CAPSA re Proposed Agreement Respecting Multi-Jurisdictional Pension Plans

Policies Developed in 2010-2011

- **Consultation Responses**

- Legislative Framework for Institutional DC Plans
- Submissions to CAPSA Consultation Papers
- Response to PRPP Working Group Questionnaire
- Ontario Pre-Budget Submission
- Submission to the Government of PEI re Bill 30 *Pension Benefits Act*
- Submission to the Government of Ontario re the consultation paper, “Securing our Retirement Future”
- Briefs to the Government of Ontario re reforms to the Ontario *Pension Benefits Act*
- Responses to the Alberta, BC, Manitoba and Nova Scotia governments re consultation papers on coverage

The ACPM Five-Point Plan

1. Remove Barriers to Group Coverage
2. Ensure Defined Benefit Plans Continue as Viable Options for Coverage
3. Enable More Innovation
4. Promote Simplicity in Administration
5. Increase Incentives to Save

Questions?