AAAS is embarking on long-term strategic planning to envision how our organization can best advance science and serve society now and into the future. To support that effort, our Board of Directors initiated a Governance Modernization Project in 2020. The goals of this project are to ensure our elected leaders have a sustainable and unified vision and framework to realize our mission, adopt best practices of modern governance models, and increase societal benefit for all people by leveraging our multidisciplinary strength.

We have reached a pivotal milestone in the Governance Modernization Project: Our Working Group – composed of current and former leaders from across all areas of AAAS governance – has developed a draft framework. At a high-level, our updated governance structure will be more:

**Nimble**

- Address complex societal challenges that cut across disciplines and sections through ad hoc multidisciplinary working groups or intersections, with oversight from the Council
- Design a more agile and active Council composed of approximately 30 members representative of AAAS to increase the speed of decision-making

**Integrated**

- Create a seat for the Council Chair on the Board of Directors to increase connectivity between both bodies
- Streamline and unite various section governing committees into one body where each leader is meaningfully engaged and has a clear role

**Inclusive**

- Transform the board nominations process to serve year-round and enable more diverse representation of voices, career levels and backgrounds and focus on matching candidates with strategic competencies
- Increase two-way communication and engagement between our sections and AAAS Members

To learn more about this effort, visit us online at [aaas.org/govmod](http://aaas.org/govmod)