

Ben Galewsky Candidate Statement

Governance Committee Chair

I enthusiastically volunteered for the Governance Committee during Type II caucusing at my first ESIP meeting as a partner representative. This was in Tacoma back in 2019. I developed a love and interest in policy governance during my time as president of the board of our local food co-op.

During my tenure on the Governance Committee I helped to work on the Community Participation Guidelines, assisted in drafting the framework for adding our new Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice (EDIJ) Committee, and contributed to numerous policy and procedure changes requested by the board. I've been able to offer the benefits of institutional memory of Governance processes for now four Executive Directors.

I come to ESIP as a Sr. Research Software Engineer at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois. As a generalist, I don't always work in Earth Science, but I've had the opportunity to apply the wealth of knowledge I've gained here in such far-flung fields as Materials Science, Collider Physics and Plant Biology.

Since joining the Governance Committee, I've had the privilege of working with a long line of amazing chairs. It's now my time to contribute to this great organization.

