**NWCG Group Types**

# Committee:

**A long-standing body chartered by the NWCG Executive Board whose primary purpose is to serve as the stewards of the business, data, applications and technology relating to an exclusive set of one or more of NWCG’s functional business areas**

***Examples:***

* *Fire Environment Committee*
* *Workforce Management Committee*
* *Fire Policy Committee*
* *Information Technology Committee*

# *An NWCG Committee is formed via a Charter, signed by the NWCG Executive Board Chairperson. Committee membership is typically an adjunct responsibility. If workload demands, a Committee may delegate segments of its stewardship responsibilities to Subcommittees.*

# Subcommittee:

**A long-standing body of subject-matter experts chartered by a Committee who have been delegated the stewardship responsibilities related to a subset of its sponsor’s functional business areas**

***Examples:***

* *Fire Behavior Subcommittee*
* *Qualifications Subcommittee*
* *Federal Fire Policy Subcommittee*
* *Geospatial Technology Subcommittee*

# *An NWCG Subcommittee is formed via a Charter, signed by its sponsoring Committee Chairperson with a concurrence signature from the designated Branch Coordinator. Subcommittee membership is typically an adjunct responsibility. Subcommittees are not allowed to further delegate their stewardship responsibilities to any subordinate group.*

# Task Team:

**A body of individuals formed via a tasking order or project charter to accomplish a time-bounded task or project for their sponsoring body**

***Examples:***

* *Interagency Medical Standards Task Team*
* *Thin Client Task Team*
* *Radio Voice Task Team*
* *Wireless & Smart Phone Task Team*
* *AMR Task Team*

*An* ***NWCG Task Team*** *can be instigated by any NWCG group. Task Team membership can be adjunct or full-time. Task Teams are not allowed to form any long-standing subordinate groups.*

# Unit:

 **A long-standing body of individuals organized to perform a specific set of business services or to maintain a specific set of products**

***Examples:***

* *Architectural Support Unit*
* *Budget Advisory Unit*
* *Intelligence Unit*
* *National Training Development Unit*
* *FireFit Unit*
* *WFSTAR Unit*
* *Communications Support Unit*
* *Program Management Unit*
* *6 Minutes for Safety Unit*

*An* ***NWCG Unit*** *can be formed via a variety of mechanisms (MOU, MOA, SLA, Charter, etc.) to perform services or maintain products for one or more NWCG groups. Unit membership can be adjunct or full-time. A Unit must have a designated leader. If workload demands, a Unit may create Subunits to perform subsets of its service offerings.*

# Subunit:

**A long-standing body of individuals organized by a Unit to handle a subset of the undertakings of its parent**

***Examples:***

* *Technical Architecture Subunit*
* *Business Architecture Subunit*
* *Communications Planning Subunit*
* *Communication Delivery Subunit*
* *Web Page Development Subunit*

*An* ***NWCG Subunit*** *can be formed by an NWCG Unit via a variety of mechanisms (MOU, MOA, SLA, Charter, etc.) to perform services or maintain products for one or more NWCG groups. Subunit membership can be adjunct or full-time. Subunits are not allowed to form any long-standing subordinate groups.*

# Board:

**A type of Unit chartered specifically to filter proposals or provide operational advice for their sponsoring body**

***Examples:***

* *Investment Review Board*
* *Change Management Board*
* *National GACC Advisory Board*
* *Technical Review Board*

*An* ***NWCG Board*** *may be chartered by a Committee, a Subcommittee, NMAC, or the Executive Board. NWCG Boards provide advice and/or maintain change prioritization criteria for specific NWCG business areas, meet as needed, and are delegated the decisional authority to recommend or reject**proposals. NWCG Board membership is typically an adjunct responsibility. NWCG Boards are not allowed to form any long-standing subordinate groups.*

# Branch:

**Not an actual “NWCG group”, but rather a set of NWCG groups administratively arranged together for purposes of management and coordination**

***Examples:***

* *Support Services Branch*
* *Policy, Planning & Management Branch*
* *Equipment & Technology Branch*
* *Preparedness Branch*

*NWCG Branches are created as necessary to facilitate the management of NWCG groups. An NWCG Branch must have an assigned Branch Coordinator to provide interface between the NWCG Executive Board and Branch groups.*