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# ***SUMMARY of CHANGE***

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This revision--

- o Prescribes the disposition of Army Science Board reports (par a 2-7).
- o Reflects changes in the composition of the Army Science Board Review Board (para 3-1).
- o Establishes an Army Science Board Executive Committee (para 3-2).

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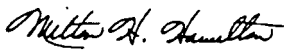
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Army Science Board

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**History.** This UPDATE printing publishes a revision which is effective 6 June 1988. Because the structure of the entire revised text has been reorganized, no attempt has been made to highlight changes from the earlier regulation dated 15 December 1980.

**Summary.** This regulation, which covers the mission, composition, and concept of operation of the Army Science Board (ASB), has been revised. This revision reflects

changes in the composition of the ASB's Executive Review Board and the disposition of ASB reports.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard (ARNG), and the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).

**Proponent and exception authority.** Not applicable

**Committee continuance approval.** The DA Committee Management Officer concurs in the continuance of the Army Science Board which was established by AR 15-8, 15 August 1979.

**Army management control process.** This regulation is not subject to the requirements of AR 11-2. It does not contain internal control provisions.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of command or local forms are prohibited without prior approval from HQDA (SARD-ASB), WASH DC 20310-0103.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by The Adjutant General. Users

will destroy interim changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Suggested Improvements.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development, and Acquisition) (ASA(RDA)). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to HQDA (SARD-ASB), WASH DC 20310-0103.

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\*This regulation supersedes AR 15-8, 15 December 1980.

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## Chapter 1 Introduction

### 1-1. Purpose

This regulation sets policies and procedures for the establishment and operation of the Army Science Board (ASB). It applies to the mission, composition, and concept of operations of the ASB.

### 1-2. References

AR 15-1, Committee Management, is a required publication. (Cited in para 1-5.)

### 1-3. Explanation of abbreviations

- a. AHSG—Ad hoc subgroup
- b. ARNG—Army National Guard
- c. ASA(RDA)—Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development, and Acquisition)
- d. ASB—Army Science Board
- e. CSA—Chief of Staff, Army
- f. DA—Department of the Army
- g. DAS—Director of the Army Staff
- h. DUSA(OR)—Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (Operations Research).
- i. RDTE—research, development, test, and evaluation.
- j. RDTEA—research, development, test, evaluation, and acquisition
- k. SA—Secretary of the Army
- l. SES—Senior Executive Service
- m. USAR—U.S. Army Reserve

### 1-4. Responsibilities

- a. The Secretary of the Army (SA) will establish the policies and procedures for the operation of the ASB. This responsibility is delegated to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development, and Acquisition) (ASA(RDA)).
  - b. The ASA(RDA) will—
    - (1) Function as the Director of the ASB.
    - (2) Chair the ASB Review Board and the ASB Executive Committee.
  - c. The ASB Executive Secretary will provide administrative support to the ASB.

### 1-5. Authorization

The ASB is a Federal Advisory Committee established under the provisions of Public Law 92-463 and AR 15-1.

### 1-6. Public inspection of ASB documents

The public may inspect and copy any papers prepared by or for the ASB, subject to the exemptions set forth in section 552b, title 5, United States Code (The Freedom of Information Act). The papers are available in the Office of the ASA(RDA), the Pentagon, WASH DC 20310-0103.

## Chapter 2 Army Science Board

### 2-1. Purpose of the ASB

The ASB is the Department of the Army (DA) senior scientific advisory body. The ASB advises and makes recommendations to the SA; Chief of Staff, Army (CSA); ASA(RDA); the Army Staff; and major Army commanders on scientific and technological matters of concern to the Army Research, Development, Test, Evaluation, and Acquisition (RDTEA) Program.

### 2-2. Composition

Membership on the ASB will be by invitation of the SA. Members will be selected and appointed in the following manner:

- a. ASB members will be civilians or non-Department of Defense

Federal employees with scientific, engineering, industrial backgrounds, or background in other professional disciplines as needed.

- b. The ASB is currently authorized 100 members. This number will be based on the ASB mission.

- c. The SA will appoint a Chair and a Vice-Chair from the ASB membership.

- d. The Chair will serve as an ex officio member of the Defense Science Board, the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, and the Naval Research Advisory Committee and, as such, will attend their meetings as invited.

- e. Members who are not Federal employees are concurrently designated as consultants to the ASB upon approval of their appointments by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Such members will be appointed to a 2-year term. They may be reappointed to an additional term consistent with DA policy.

- f. The ASA(RDA) will be the ASB Director. The ASB Director will serve as an ex officio member of the ASB.

### 2-3. Direction and control

- a. The SA is responsible for the operation of the ASB.
- b. The SA ASB responsibility is delegated to the ASA(RDA).
- c. The Chair of the ASB will report to the ASA(RDA).
- d. The Director of the Army Staff (DAS) will task the Army Staff to develop an implementation plan for each ASB report.
- e. The Deputy Under Secretary, Army (Operations Research) (DUSA(OR)) will monitor the actions taken on ASB study recommendations.

### 2-4. Administrative support

- a. The ASB secretariat provides the following:
  - (1) Guidance and administrative support to the ASB on meeting locations, internal organization, and membership.
  - (2) Long-range direction for the ASB's participation in the Army's research, development, and acquisition program.
- b. The ASB secretariat consists of the Executive Secretary, appointed by the ASA(RDA), and staff. The Executive Secretary is the designated Federal employee required by appendix I, title 5, United States Code (The Federal Advisory Committee Act). Other persons will be assigned as needed.
- c. Travel and per diem costs will come from research, development, test, and evaluation (RDTE) funds provided by the Office of the ASA(RDA). Consultant fees are funded by the SA.

### 2-5. Meetings

The ASB will meet at least annually. Additional meetings may be held when required. All meetings will be at the call of the Chair of the ASB and with the concurrence of the Director.

### 2-6. Ad hoc subgroup studies

The ASB will perform most of its advisory functions through ad hoc subgroup (AHSG) studies. When requested and approved by the Director, an individual member may also advise Army elements on RDTEA issues. When a study sponsor needs advice on a problem, the following procedures apply in forming an AHSG:

- a. The sponsor will ensure that—
  - (1) Any previous study on the problem was not adequate.
  - (2) The problem is not currently under equivalent examination elsewhere.

- b. The sponsor will forward proposed study topics to the Director, ASB for consideration by the ASB Review Board.

- c. If the study is accepted by the Executive Committee, the sponsor will assign a Staff Assistant who will be the designated Federal employee required by 5 USC 10(e) (The Federal Advisory Committee Act).

### 2-7. Disposition of ASB reports

- a. Completed ASB reports will be forwarded by the ASA(RDA) to the DAS for implementation. The DAS will task the Army Staff for a General Officer/Senior Executive Service (SES) to develop an implementation plan for each ASB report.

- b. The study panel chair will provide one member from the study

panel to provide clarification regarding the specific recommendations. Direct coordination with the ASB member will be accomplished by the DA General Officer/SES upon receipt of the tasking.

c. The DA General Officer/SES will be responsible for the following:

(1) Formulation of the implementation plan.  
(2) Identifying and assigning tasks to subordinate action agencies.

(3) Coordination of recommendations and implementation as well as the preparation and forwarding of status reports to the DUSA(OR) and the ASB office.

d. An initial status report should be prepared not later than 4 months from receipt of the tasking letter to the DAS.

e. Status reports will be provided every 6 months until all outstanding actions have been completed or the General Officer/SES declares that the Army has made a satisfactory response.

f. The DUSA(OR) will monitor the actions being taken on the study recommendations and conduct periodic reviews concerning the status of each recommendation.

### **Chapter 3 Army Science Board Review Board and Executive Committee**

#### **3-1. Army Science Board Review Board**

a. The function of this board is to assist the ASA(RDA) in reviewing and selecting study proposals for the ASB. It is made up of the following:

- (1) ASA(RDA), who serves as the Chair.
- (2) Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (Operations Research).
- (3) Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans for Force Development.
- (4) Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.
- (5) Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.
- (6) Deputy Commander for Research, Development, and Acquisition, U.S. Army Materiel Command.
- (7) Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.
- (8) Chair of the ASB.
- (9) Vice-Chair of the ASB.
- (10) ASB Executive Secretary, who serves as the secretary.

b. The ASB Review Board will meet at the call of its Chair. Any ASB Review Board member substitutions must be approved by the Chair.

#### **3-2. Army Science Board Executive Committee**

a. The function of the Executive Committee is to assist the ASA(RDA) in planning the conduct of ASB studies and its meetings. It is made up of the following:

- (1) ASA(RDA), who serves as the Chair.
- (2) Military Deputy ASA(RDA).
- (3) Chair, ASB.
- (4) Executive Secretary, ASB.

b. The Executive Committee will meet at the call of its Chair. Any committee member substitutions must be approved by the Chair.

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