

Funding and Governance

The Norwegian Government provides the core funding of Childwatch. This provides resources for the daily running of the Secretariat and for the collaborative efforts of the Network. The University of Oslo, Norway, supports the Network by hosting the Secretariat offices. The governing bodies of Childwatch are: The Key Institutions' meeting (KI meeting), the Advisory Board and the Business Board. The executive bodies consist of the Executive Committee and the Secretariat.

The Key Institution meeting

The Key Institution meeting is held every three years. The KI meeting elects the Advisory Board. All Childwatch Key Institutions may send representatives to this meeting, and each institution has one vote. If Key Institutions are not represented at the meeting they may cast absentee ballots for the composition of the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board

The Advisory Board meets every year. It gives advice on the Network's overall policy and long-term strategies for its implementation. The Advisory Board is composed of 10 members; eight of them should be directors or employees of Key Institutions. The members are elected for three years at a time, and serve in their personal capacity. If a vacancy occurs during the term, the Advisory Board decides whether to fill it, and if so, by whom.

The Advisory Board elects its President and two Vice Presidents.

Two years into its term the Advisory Board selects a nomination committee to prepare a list of nominees for the next period. The list should be presented to the Key Institutions in due time before the election and they are welcome to suggest additional nominees. The committee is encouraged to reflect gender balance and regional representation in the list of nominees.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee functions as a consulting group for the implementation of Childwatch activities. The Committee consults electronically or by conference calls when deemed necessary. It is composed of the President and Vice Presidents of the Childwatch Advisory Board. The head of the Secretariat functions as secretary for the Executive Committee.

The Business Board

The Business Board meets once a year or twice as deemed necessary by its members. The Business Board shall supervise the administrative and economic matters of Childwatch. It consists of four members: two representatives from the Advisory Board, one representing the institution that hosts the Childwatch Secretariat and the Head of the Secretariat. The members are elected for three years at a time.

Secretariat

The secretariat of Childwatch is based at the University of Oslo, Norway. The University acts as employers of the Secretariat staff. The main task of the Secretariat is to initiate and

implement activities according to the guidelines developed by the Advisory Board and Business Board.

Additional rules

These terms of reference can be revised and/or supplemented by additional rules, if deemed necessary by the Advisory Board.