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3. Such committees should be advised of the resources at their disposal (e.g., administrative time).
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In addition, such committees may find the following information useful:

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--Such committees may request additional members if it deems necessary.

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