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	ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS	Approval Authority COUNCIL

1 OBJECTIVE

To define the process for the nomination and election of Fellows as Members of Council, and the election of Officers.

2 SCOPE

This Regulation covers the procedures for the nomination and subsequent election of Fellows as Members of Council, and for the election of Officers.

3 PROCEDURE

3.1 The following procedure shall be followed annually:

- i. In September each year Fellows shall be invited to forward to any of the Secretaries nominations of Fellows for election as Members of Council.
- ii. No Fellow may propose more than one Fellow as a Member of Council. No Fellow may second more than three Fellows as Members of Council.
- iii. Council may propose Fellows as Members of Council (see Regulation R/G/7 Elections Standing Committee) having regard to the need to ensure a balance in geoscientific disciplines, regional representation and the need for other particular competencies. Council shall not propose Fellows to fill more than one half of the vacancies for election to Council. In the case of an uneven number of vacancies, the limit on the number of Council nominations shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- iv. All nominations shall be submitted on a pro forma which will be made available in hard copy and distributed with *Geoscientist* and as a download from the Society's web site. Each nomination must be supported by a Proposer and two other Fellows, all of whom must sign the proposal. The proposal shall be accompanied by a brief supporting statement on the nominee including current position and relevant previous positions, honours, degrees, and professional qualifications. The nominee must sign an assent to be nominated as a Member of Council and confirm that there are no reasons under the Charities Act 1993 that would exclude the nominee from holding officer as a Trustee, or other grounds for disqualification.
- v. Fellows shall normally serve a term of three years on Council. Fellows

may be nominated for re-election to Council one year after leaving Council.

- vi. A list of those Fellows nominated as Members of Council, together with the names of Proposer, Seconders and the supporting statement, shall be circulated to Fellows who will be requested to indicate by postal and electronic ballot those names to go forward to fill the vacancies on the list of candidates for election to Council at the next Annual General Meeting.
 - vii. At the Annual General Meeting an election shall be carried out by ballot supervised by two Scrutineers who shall be Fellows nominated by the President and who may also vote. Fellows may replace one or more names on the list of candidates by the names of other Fellows, providing that the Scrutineers have been provided with the formal written assent of the Fellow so named together with confirmation that there are no reasons under the Charities Act 1993 that would exclude the nominee from holding office as a Trustee, or other grounds for disqualification.
- 3.2 Following the completion of the ballot for Council Members, a further ballot shall be held for the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary/ies and Treasurer/s and, when appropriate, for President-designate and or Treasurer-designate, who, having been elected to Council, shall hold office for the succeeding year.
- 3.3 If a member of Council is elected as an Officer at an Annual General Meeting, that member of Council may serve a further term of three years on Council from the time that the member is elected as an Officer subject to the following conditions:
- i. If a member of Council ceases to be an Officer and has served as a member of Council for more than three consecutive years, that Fellow must retire from Council at the next Annual General Meeting and may not be nominated for re-election to Council until one year after leaving Council;
 - ii. A member of Council may only serve as an Officer for a maximum of six consecutive years. Thus, the maximum consecutive period that a Fellow may serve as a member of Council is eight years (two years as an ordinary member of Council and six years as an Officer); and
 - iii. On completion of the sixth year as an Officer, the Fellow must leave Council and may not be nominated for re-election to Council until one year after leaving Council.
- 3.4 Any complaint concerning the conduct of the elections shall be reported to the Elections Committee who shall recommend to Council the action to be taken. Where the complaint concerns the Bye-laws the complaint shall also be referred to the President.