



The next Commissions

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From the By Laws

II.2 Terms of Office

1. All elections are for a term of three years.
2. Chairs may not be re-elected to any position on the Commission beyond their term as Chair, and Vice-Chairs and Secretaries may not be re-elected to the same positions nor be re-elected as an ordinary member – except in extraordinary circumstances, and, in such circumstances, special approval by the General Assembly is required. Ordinary members may be elected twice.
3. Normally the Secretary, Vice-Chair and Chair are to be chosen from among those who have served at least one term on the Commission.
4. Service in all capacities shall not exceed three terms.

From the By Laws

III Election

1. Procedure

1. Nominations

1. A call for nominations to Commissions and the Council shall be sent to all Liaison Committees and Commissions at least six months before a General Assembly.
2. Nominations from Liaison Committees must be received by the Secretary-General no later than four months before a General Assembly. Nominations from Commissions must be received no later than six weeks before a General Assembly. A statement of the candidate's qualifications sufficient to allow an evaluation of the candidate must accompany nominations. It is preferred that nominations be submitted electronically.

Role of the Commission

- You can suggest nominees to Liaison Committees
- You can make additional nominations after those from Liaison Committees are received.
- Think of geographic and gender distribution when doing this
- It does not say so in the By Laws but current practice is that the Commission is asked to make a recommendation (**not a decision**) on the membership of the next Commission to Council

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III Election

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3. The Council will prepare a slate of nominees for the Commissions and Council from the nominations and may itself suggest names (in which case a statement of qualifications will be prepared). Special consideration will be given to continuity, geographic distribution, and coverage of major sub-fields within the Commissions. Delegates will receive the slate of nominees at the start of the General Assembly.



Current Practice

- Council appoints a Nomination Sub Committee, chaired by the President Designate, to advise it on the composition of the slate. *In 2017, for 13 of the 18 commissions the NSC made changes to the membership recommended by the Commissions.*
- After considering that advice the Council proposes the slate to the General Assembly. *In 2017, Council changed the slate of one Commission from the NSC recommendation of the NSC.*
- General Assembly meetings last three days
 1. Receive the slate
 2. Nominees not put on the slate may be renominated
 3. If necessary vote for membership of the Commissions

The next Chair

- Succession planning should start now
- Some Commissions have a tradition that the Vice-Chair becomes the Chair, others that the Secretary becomes the Chair. But the the next Chair could be anyone one, best if a existing member is found. **Term limits mean that, for some Commissions, the Vice-Chair and Secretary cannot become the next Chair**
- The next Chair **must** be identified by October 2019, and reported to the Council at that meeting. Council may ask for an alternative after considering geographic and gender distribution of the group of incoming Commission Chairs. **New for this cycle.**
- Should we formalise this process, formal nominations, formal statements about desirable distributions, ???