

Nomination and Election Process for GIWA Councils

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- 1) Only paid-up financial members of GIWA are eligible for membership of the GIWA Councils. Nominations for participation to the GIWA Councils will be called for annually in writing, no less than twenty one (21) days in advance of the GIWA AGM, and ratified by election at the GIWA AGM.
- 2) Nominations to the GIWA Councils must be endorsed in writing by the Chair of the respective GIWA Council. (Undertaken by GIWA after nominations are received.)
- 3) Nominations are reviewed in advance of the AGM by a nominations committee consisting of the GIWA Chair, GIWA Deputy Chair, GIWA Treasurer and GIWA EO, with the GIWA Board having veto by resolution over any Council nominations.
- 4) Non-members of GIWA may be appointed to GIWA Councils as guests when such appointments are deemed beneficial to GIWA. Such appointments may include representatives of organisations that for governance, policy or financial reasons are unable to become financial members of GIWA, or individuals or organisations whose attendance fulfils a specific, short term GIWA Council need.
- 5) Excluding Council Chairs, the term of appointment to a GIWA Council is three (3) years for members and one (1) year for guests. Council members are not required to renominate annually.
- 6) Member vacancies will be filled by staggered elections with one third (1/3) of all Council member positions declared vacant annually as members' three (3) year terms expire. Outgoing members may renominate immediately.
- 7) Each GIWA Council is to elect:
 - a) a Chair and Deputy Chair,
 - b) a nominee to be the GIWA Council's representative on the GIWA Boardfor appointment by the financial members of the Association at the GIWA AGM immediately following the Council election.
- 8) The Chair of the GIWA Council, and the nominee of the GIWA Council to sit on the Board, do not necessarily have to be the same candidate.
- 9) The maximum term for a GIWA Council Chair is five years (subject to annual re-election by the financial members in accordance with clause 7)). A GIWA Council Chair may serve a maximum of two 5-year terms.
- 10) Membership of a GIWA Council, or an appointee as Chair of the GIWA Council, may be terminated at the discretion of the GIWA Board. In the case of a casual vacancy of the Chair of a GIWA Council, the Board may appoint an interim Chair until the annual election of the Chair in accordance with the process set out in clause 7).
- 11) At the discretion of the Chair of a GIWA Council, a GIWA Council may convene any technical sub-committee of GIWA Council members.
- 12) At meetings of the GIWA Councils, or of Working Groups or Committees duly convened and sanctioned by a GIWA Council, where consensus is not reached and a vote is required, resolution shall be determined by one equal vote per member. Where more than one representative of a member is present, only one vote may be offered and recorded. Associate, Student and Retired Members and Guests do not have voting rights.

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