

## **Procedure for election of the IUSSP Council**

### **Article 11. Election of Officers and Council.**

1. An election of Officers and Council shall be held every four years.
2. The Committee on Nominations will be chaired by the outgoing President. Six members will be elected by the General Assembly and serve until the next General Assembly. If the outgoing President cannot serve, seven members will be elected and the committee will select its own chair. All members shall have different citizenships. Members of the Council currently in office are not eligible for election to the Committee on Nominations.
3. The Committee on Nominations shall meet at least ten months before the end of the Council's term in office or at least six months before the next scheduled meeting of the General Assembly, whichever is earlier. The Committee on Nominations shall prepare a list of candidates for election as Honorary-President, Officers and members of the Council. In preparing this list, the Committee shall consult with the Officers of the Union. The list must include at least two candidates for each of the Officer positions open for election—Vice-President and Secretary General and Treasurer—and two candidates for each post of member of Council to be elected in accordance with Article 11.4. The list of nominees for Council shall include no more than four nominees standing for re-election. If there is to be an election for President, either because the Vice-President was appointed or cannot assume the Presidency, the list shall also include at least two candidates for President. The ballot shall offer voters three options regarding the candidate for Honorary President: for, against, abstain.
4. There shall be at least nine members of Council in addition to the Officers. If the total membership exceeds 2000 but is less than 2501, there shall be 10 members; and if it exceeds 2500, there will be 11 members of Council. All Union members have the right to vote for each position. One Council member shall be elected from each of the following five regions: (1) Africa; (2) Asia and Oceania; (3) Europe; (4) Latin America and the Caribbean; and (5) Northern America. There will be a slate of nominees for each regional position. The Council shall establish every four years, before nominations are made, the list of countries or areas included in each region. Eligibility for regional positions shall be based on citizenship as registered with the Union. All other members of Council shall be elected from a list of nominees at large.
5. The list of proposed candidates shall be sent to all members of the Union by means of a circular signed by the Chair of the Committee on Nominations. Once the list is circulated, members of the Union shall be invited to make alternative nominations. Such alternative nominations must be received at the Union's headquarters at least one month before the next scheduled meeting of the General Assembly or by 15 June of the year in which Council's term of office ends, whichever is earlier. An alternative nomination must include a statement indicating if the additional nominee should be placed within the slate of a region or within the slate of nominees at large. It must be seconded by at least fifteen Union members of at least five different citizenships and accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominated person.
6. Voting shall take place in accordance with the provisions of Article 8.1. A ballot shall be sent to Union members by post or another secure communication means, including via the internet, at the latest by 30 July of the year in which the Council term of office ends. To be counted, duly filled ballots must be received at the Union's headquarters by 1 October of the same year. If a meeting of the General Assembly occurs before 30 September of that year, members in attendance may submit their completed ballot at that meeting.
7. The counting of the ballot forms must be completed by 15 October. For each category of office, the person (or persons, if more than one position is involved) receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie, the President of the Union shall have a deciding vote.
8. The electoral procedure shall be controlled by an Election Committee composed of three members of the Union appointed by the Council. No candidate may be a member of the Election Committee.
9. The Officers and Council elected shall assume office on 1 January of the following year.