

# Election procedures

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# Governing Principles

- The right of the **EC** to be considered the highest representative organ of the Society
- The right of the **ELCOM** to make an independent decision that can't be overruled by the **EC**
- The right of the **ELCOM** to total discretion
- The right for the **EC** and **ELCOM** to have the possibility to an official dialogue on the visions & strategies for the EAS, but in a form that recognizes the independence of the respective committees
- The right of the Society's **membership base** to be involved in determination of the composition of the **ELCOM**

# A :: Election of the **Election Committee (ELCOM)**

1. The **ELCOM** shall be composed of the chairman and four members
2. The **EC** independently appoints the chairman of the **ELCOM**.  
The chairman is appointed for a period of 3 years, without possibility to re-appointment
3. The **EC** retain the right to remove the chairman of **ELCOM**, if she/he is not capable to fulfil her/his obligations (all members of the **EC** should unanimously agree on the removal). In this unlikely event, the whole **ELCOM** will cease to exist and a new one shall be formed.
4. To determine the other members of **the ELCOM, the chairman** provides a “short list” of 8-10 member names (nominees) all from different countries. These nominees should have requisite scientific qualifications for the position, proven leadership experience and ability, and there should be a gender balance.

# A :: Election of the **Election Committee (ELCOM)** ...continued

5. The **members of the Society** vote via the EAS web page for the **ELCOM** members. The four nominees that get the most votes become the members of the **ELCOM**.  
The members of the **ELCOM** will be elected for a period of either 1 or 3 years, without possibility for re-election.
6. If any of the members is not capable to fulfil his/her obligations, the **ELCOM** has the possibility to substitute the member, if the chairman and at least 2 members agree. The new member should be the first nominee who did not reach enough votes.
7. The new **ELCOM** is presented to the General Assembly. The members of the committee should be physically present at the General Assembly if possible.

## B :: Election of the Executive Committee (EC)

1. Once **the ELCOM** has been presented to the General Assembly, but before **the ELCOM** invites the Society members to nominate new EC member(s), **the EC** and **the ELCOM** hold a joint meeting to discuss the Society's strategic needs.
2. The **Society members** nominate potential new EC member candidates and the **ELCOM** make a selection.
3. Once the process to collect nominations (for EC members) from the Society members has started, no contact or meeting between **ELCOM** and **the EC** shall occur.
4. Once **ELCOM** has made the selection of candidates to stand for election, **the EC** and the **ELCOM** meet again. In this meeting the candidate selection is presented and discussed.
5. After this second meeting with the EC, **the ELCOM** will take the final decision independently of **the EC**. The final list of candidates to be presented to the Society members cannot be overturned by **the EC** or by any of the Society members.

