

Procedure

Candidates for Council – Division Liaison Position

In years when new nominees are needed for councilor positions that will become the liaison for divisions the following procedure applies.

Councilor Position for General Liaison for Divisions – Nomination Process

1. All Division Chairs and/or Secretaries are asked to submit ONE nomination from their respective Division. Nominations and rankings must be completed and turned into the Nominations Committee no later than 15 July XX.a
2. For each nominee, we need a brief biography, GSA service record, and short statement of interest. This does imply that your nominee knows they are being considered and that they have expressed a willingness to serve as a councilor. A
3. Only four names end up being forwarded to Council for their consideration, so the nominees need to understand that the majority of nominees will not end up actually being on the ballot.
4. Ideally the Chair and Secretary will include their management board members in the process that culminates the Divisions nominations.
5. Nominees need to be a GSA member. Although experience in Division leadership and thorough knowledge of Division practices and concerns is important, it is not necessary.
6. Once nominations have been received – send out to the Chair and Secretary of each Division for ranking.
7. Compose a message with the ranked nominations to the Nominations Committee.
8. The Nominations Committee will review, rank the potential candidates, and forward the nominations in their report to Council at the Fall GSA Annual Meeting.
9. After the approval of the Nominations Committee Report to Council, the individual(s) will be contacted (in ranked order) and asked if they will serve the 4-year term. Once the positions has been filled, all Division Management Boards will be notified.

According to GSA Bylaws, Article V, part 4, candidates for councilor”...shall be selected on the basis of his or her scientific distinction, previous service to GSA, geographic location and field on interest within the Earth Sciences. Each councilor shall be a least twenty-one (21) years of age.”

As an FYI provide geographic locations for continuing Councilors and list continuing Councilors specialties and retiring Councilors specialties.