2014 Proposed Bylaw Changes

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2014 GTG Process

Annual Members Meeting

GTG met with BOT to discuss Bylaw changes including Members Nominating Committee changes

GTG sent proposed Bylaw changes to Members Reps for comment

BOT agreed with GTG to pursue two Bylaw changes

BOT approved Members Nominating Committee’s revised operating procedures

Based on GTG recommendations and with input from Member Reps, BOT approved both proposed changes to be voted on by the Members in October

Official Meeting Notice included proposed Bylaw changes

Members Nominating Committee met with BOT & GTG to discuss revised committee procedures

GTG is holding informational webinar for Member Reps

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Proposed Bylaw Changes

This year the Governance Task Group (GTG) is presenting two bylaw changes for consideration by the Members:

#1. One vote per Member Institution on all matters set forth in the Bylaws

#2. Election to the Members Nominating Committee for staggered three year terms
Members Feedback on Proposed Bylaw Changes

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Commentaries on 1 Vote per Member institution
- “One Vote per Member” preserves equity and simplicity
- There are no bylaw provisions on the voting procedures
- This was voted on last year, and there is a concern that less participation from the Member Reps would result
- Only compelling reason is that institutions that send only one person can be penalized on the elections
- Voting changes may lead to reduced attendance, and the Members Meeting is an important venue

Commentaries on Members Nominating Committee
- Concern about Committee members nominating themselves for positions
- The change minimizes the risk of Committee members nominating themselves for positions
- This proposal makes the Nominating Committee more transparent
#1. One vote per Member Institution on all matters set forth in the Bylaws

Sections of the Bylaws:
Article 3, § 1, Article 4, § 6, and Article 6, § 3

How many votes are allowed now? Elections to the UCAR Board of Trustees and other Members Committees are decided by a vote, in which both Member Representatives are allowed to vote. Changes to bylaws and election and renewal of UCAR Members is decided by a vote of the Member Institutions only.

What would change if this proposed change is approved? Member Institutions would still appoint two Member Representatives. However, the Member Institutions would only have one vote on all matters instead of the current two votes on some matters and one vote on others.

Votes for election to the Board of Trustees and Members Committees as well as votes on future Bylaw changes and membership would be made on one ballot with one vote per Member Institution.
#1. One vote per Member Institution on all matters set forth in the Bylaws

Why is this change being proposed? UCAR Bylaws do not allow voting by proxy, so Member Representatives of UCAR must be present at the Annual Members Meeting to vote for new Members, Trustees and Members Committees, and Bylaw changes.

This change would allow for each Member Institution present at the Members meeting to have an equal vote whether or not both Member Representatives can attend. UCAR is a member driven and governed organization, so one vote per Member reflects this standard.
UCAR Values the Member Representatives

Is this change a move towards having one Member Representative? No, the GTG and the Board heard the Members’ concerns in 2013 and are not moving to one Member Representative.

UCAR recognizes the value to both the organization and the Member in having two Member Representatives. Two Member Representatives allow for greater participation in Member Committees, delivers a broader community perspective, increases the diversity of the representatives, and provides a unique professional development opportunity for university faculty.
Questions
# 2. Members Nominating Committee will consist of 9 members elected by the Members for staggered 3 year terms, with 1 additional member who is an Institutional Trustee appointed to the Committee by the Board of Trustees.

Sections of the Bylaws: Article 5, § 1

How is the Members Nominating Committee currently elected? Historically, the Members Nominating Committee has selected a slate of committee members from among the Member Representatives. Per the current Bylaws, at least one member of the Committee must be an Institutional Trustee. The slate has been approved by the Members as a whole.

How will the proposed Bylaw amendment change the current process? The terms will go from one-year terms to three-year terms and the Institutional Trustee will be appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve a one year term

In 2015, the Members will be asked to elect three individuals to a one-year term, three individuals to a two-year term and three individuals to a three-year term. In the years following, a third of the Committee will rotate off each year while the remaining six members provide some institutional memory on the Committee.
Questions
Members Nominating Committee
Annual Report
October 14, 2014

Kirk Maasch, Committee Member
University of Maine
2014 Members Nominating Committee

Committee Members

• Bill Easterling, Chair, Pennsylvania State University
• Amanda Lynch, Brown University
• Berrien Moore, University of Oklahoma
• Gene Takle, Iowa State University
• Roni Avissar, University of Miami
• Kirk Maasch, University of Maine
• Sumant Nigam, University of Maryland
Committee Responsibility

The Members Nominating Committee seeks nominations of individuals to serve on the UCAR Board of Trustees, the President’s Advisory Committee on University Relations, and the Membership and Members Nominating Committees. The Committee considers all nominations, open positions on the Member committees and the Board to select well-balanced slates of candidates.
Committee Procedure

• Trustees serving on the Members Nominating Committee may not serve as Trustee candidates for election or re-election.

• Current members of the Nominating Committee will not be nominated to run for election to the Board of Trustees until their term on the committee expires.

• The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates to the Members for election to the Members Nominating Committee. Example: from a slate of 12 candidates, 9 will be elected.

• The Nominating Committee Chair will serve as the official spokesperson for the Members Nominating Committee.

• The Trustees serving on the committee offer their guidance on skills, talents and mix of professional capabilities needed on the Board to fulfill UCAR’s mission and purpose: to effectively manage NCAR and to serve the community of universities that make up UCAR’s membership.

• In consultation with the Chair, staff will develop and publicize deadlines and updates, including the public call for candidates.

• Confidentiality: All candidates, deliberations, and internal communications concerning the candidates and committees are strictly confidential information for the use of immediate committee members and related internal staff only, and will not be publicly discussed or disclosed. Final candidates and committee slates will be provided to the Members in accordance with the bylaws.
Chris Bretherton

University of Washington
Everette Joseph

State University of New York at Albany
Petra Klein

University of Oklahoma
Gudrun Magnusdottir

University of California, Irvine
Walt Robinson

North Carolina State University
Alan Robock

Rutgers University
Trustee Candidates

Trustees-at-Large
Charlette Geffen

Pacific Northwestern National Lab
Ken Washington

Ford Motor Corporation
Election Procedure

INSTITUTIONAL TRUSTEES - The four candidates receiving the highest majorities will be elected Trustees.

If all four positions are filled on the first ballot, the election is complete. If fewer than four Trustees are elected on the first ballot, then we will move to a paper ballot; the names(s) of the so elected will be removed from the ballot; an additional ballot or ballots will be taken until all Trustee positions are filled.

TRUSTEES AT-LARGE – Trustee at-Large positions run unopposed.

Trustees at-Large, however, must be elected by a majority of the Members Representatives present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
Member Committees
Slates
PACUR
President’s Advisory Committee on University Relations
elected for a 3-year term

• Simona Bordoni, California Institute of Technology
• John Braun, UCAR Community Programs
• Liz Ritchie, University of Arizona
• Michael Wiltberger, NCAR High Altitude Observatory
Membership Committee

elected for a 3-year term

• Mary Hudson, Dartmouth University

• Karen Shell, Oregon State University
Members Nominating Committee Candidates
(election of up to 9 candidates for one-year terms)

- Lourdes Aviles
  Plymouth State University

- Rich Clark,
  Millersville University

- Andrew Cormrie,
  University of Arizona

- Judith Curry,
  Georgia Institute of Technology

- Noah Diffenbaugh
  Stanford University

- Efi Foufoula-Georgiou,
  University of Minnesota

- Richard Grotjahn,
  University of California, Davis

- Tony Hansen
  St. Cloud State University

- Var Limpasuvan
  Coastal Carolina University

- Tony Lupo
  University of Missouri

- Kirk Maasch
  University of Maine

- Berrien Moore
  University of Oklahoma
Election Procedure

PACUR and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES – Candidates for PACUR and Membership Committee are presented as a single slate.

- Appointment to these committees is by affirmative vote by a majority of Members’ Representatives present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

MEMBERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Candidates for Members Nominating Committee are presented as individuals.

- Up to nine candidates receiving a majority of votes will be elected to serve on the committee for one year.
Start thinking about Nominations for next year!

Submit nominations for 2015 elections

https://president.ucar.edu/governance/committees/member/nominating/form
Membership Committee Annual Report
October 14, 2014

Ken Bowman, Committee Chair
Texas A&M University
2014 Membership Committee Members

- Ken Bowman, Chair, Texas A&M University
- William Beasley, University of Oklahoma
- Jim Carton, University of Maryland
- Daniel Keyser, SUNY, Albany
- Kirk Maasch, University of Maine
- Nicole Mölders, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Tom Mote, University of Georgia
- Len Pietrafesa, North Carolina State University
- Todd Sikora, Millersville University
- George Young, Pennsylvania State University
- Joe Zehnder, Creighton University
Committee Responsibilities

The Membership Committee considers applications for elections and reelection of UCAR Members, and make recommendations to the Members at the Annual Meeting.

The committee also reviews the UCAR Membership Criteria and application procedures.

Membership term are 8 years

Currently there are 103 UCAR Members
UCAR Membership Criteria

Universities and other nonprofit corporations organized and operated for educational or scientific purposes, and located within the United States, Canada, or Mexico, are eligible for UCAR membership provided they meet the following criteria:

- **Program of Studies and Research.** Has made a definitive, substantial, and continuing commitment to a full, coherent, and integrated program of course studies in one or more of the atmospheric sciences or related fields;

- **Progress in the Atmospheric Sciences.** Has made a definitive, substantial, and continuing commitment to progress in the atmospheric sciences or related fields as evidenced by scholarly works of significance by its faculty in the atmospheric sciences or related fields and;

- **Participation in the activities of UCAR.** Has made, or—as might be the case of new Members—is willing to make, a clear commitment of active participation in UCAR activities, including its governance, programs, and facilities.

https://president.ucar.edu/governance/members/how-apply-membership
Membership Renewal

The Membership Committee reviewed material from the following universities and recommends re-election to the UCAR Membership:

- Harvard University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- University at Albany – SUNY
- Stony Brook University – SUNY
- University of Toronto
Ken Bowman and Tom Bogdan visited the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) on June 10, 2014, as part of the process of evaluating the university’s applications for UCAR Membership.

The faculty of the UNC meteorology program are working energetically to improve their undergraduate educational program and to develop funded research that will involve both undergraduate and graduate students.

They have an active program of study and research in the atmospheric sciences. They are contributing to progress in the atmospheric sciences through their research and scholarship. And they have participated in UCAR activities in the past and plan to expand that participation in the future.

The Membership Committee found that the University of Northern Colorado fulfills the UCAR criteria for Membership and recommends them for UCAR membership.
New Member Applications

Appalachian State University

During 2014, the UCAR new member review and site team, Tom Mote and Len Pietrafesa, and Tom Bogdan visited the Appalachian State University (ASU) on September 2, 2014, as part of the process of evaluating the university’s applications for UCAR Membership.

Appalachian State University faculty and students will greatly benefit from UCAR membership by broadening opportunities for faculty and student research in the atmospheric and related sciences that are core to the modern mission of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

As a member of UCAR, we believe that Appalachian can contribute a strong commitment to multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary atmospheric, environmental and health sciences research. Likewise we believe that UCAR and NCAR will benefit from ASU’s broad portfolio of Atmospheric and related science and services.

The Membership Committee found Appalachian State University fulfills the UCAR criteria for Membership and recommends them for UCAR membership.
2015 Renewals

The following Members are up for renewal in 2015.

- California Institute of Technology
- University of California - Davis
- Central Michigan University
- College of Charleston
- University of Delaware
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- Metropolitan State College of Denver
- Naval Postgraduate School
- Nevada System of Higher Education
- University of New Hampshire
- Oregon State University
- Purdue University
- Utah State University
Voting Procedures
Bylaws & Membership

• One vote cast on behalf of the Member

• Requires at 2/3 majority of the Members present to be approved

• Results will be reported
Voting Procedures

Trustees & Members Committees

• Each Member Representative votes

• Vote for 4 Institutional Trustees, up to 9 candidates for the Members Nominating Committee.

• The slates for PACUR, Membership and At-Large-Trustees are unopposed, but need to receive a majority of affirmative votes.

• Elected trustees and approved slates will be reported