



Election Fact Sheet

AGU Elections – Guiding documents and principles, code of conduct

AGU needs committed and qualified leaders to help the organization advance its strategic plan and achieve its mission and vision. The Governance Committee is charged with ensuring leadership now and in the future so AGU remains well-positioned to listen to members, understand the world and external factors impacting science, and deliver innovative products and services. Several documents and principles guide the selection, nomination and election of AGU leaders.

Guiding Documents

Help candidates understand the ongoing strategic direction and work of AGU and specifically the role for which they have been nominated

- [AGU's strategic plan](#), which drives the organization and the annual work plan of the Board and Council
- [AGU's governance model](#)
- [Board leadership criteria](#)
- [Council leadership criteria](#)
- [Job descriptions](#) (current version, will be refreshed for 2017-2018)

Guiding Principles

Ensure continuity of leadership balanced with opportunity to develop new leadership skills. Educate members on the importance of voting, and provide an informative, yet simple voting experience.

- Paired slates for all open positions to give voters a choice
- Standardized questions for candidates to provide voters similar information on candidates they may not know
- General goal of ~50% rotation to ensure leadership continuity and yet allow opportunities
- Importance of voting: Promote and encourage members to exercise their right to vote
- Ease of voting: Make the voting process user-friendly and listen to voter feedback



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Code of Conduct

Strive for fairness for all candidates. Promote the election and AGU. Work to assist voters in understanding the process, roles and candidates.

- Ensure you are a current AGU member.
- Meet the deadlines for submitting your photo, bio, CV and answer to the question.
- Begin to familiarize yourself with the governance and strategy of AGU, and AGU's [scientific integrity and professional ethics policy](#), especially the section on AGU volunteer leaders (page 4 after you download the policy).
- Realize this is a great leadership opportunity, and be prepared to commit to the job.
- Share your enthusiasm about AGU with your friends and colleagues. Let them know you're on the ballot and encourage them to vote. However, it is inappropriate for you to actively campaign; the focus should be on AGU elections, not individual candidates.
 - For example, you could tweet: AGU election polls open 29 Aug, but not: Vote for me!
- Contact Anne, Cheryl, or Carol if you have questions or need additional information.

Additional Information

There is a wealth of information posted on the AGU website under the Leadership tab, including [AGU's governance structure](#), [Board code of conduct](#), [Council code of conduct](#), and [conflict of interest policy](#). Please familiarize yourself with these pages.

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