

Changes to the ASA Constitution By-Laws

Under Article 20 of the Constitution the Council may make or alter By-Laws to the constitution and must notify the membership within six months of doing so. If Members are concerned by any such changes, they can bring this to the attention of Council.

By-Laws A2 and A7

The Council amended By-Law A2 to enact a motion passed at last year's AGM and By-Law A7 to reduce the fee for international Members and Fellows to the same rate as Student members on the basis that those members do not receive the same benefits as locals.

Previous

- A2 (2020) The annual subscription including GST shall be \$213 for a Fellow, \$178 for a Full Member, \$119 for an Associate Society Member, \$85 for a Student Member or Associate Member, and \$618 for a Corporate Member, or such other amounts as shall be determined from time to time in accord with Article 9 of the Constitution. Retired Members and retired Fellows shall pay the same subscription as Student Members. The Council may choose to offer a discount on some or all these rates for factors such as overseas residency, prompt payment or membership of cognate societies. Cognate societies under this clause must be professional scientific societies with similar aims to that of the Society and must have a constitution compatible with this constitution.
- A7 (1995) Any member previously having qualified as a life member shall be deemed to satisfy the remainder of his or her annual subscription obligations for life. Any Full Member or Fellow who has retired and is aged 60 or more may continue membership at an annual subscription rate equal to that for Student Members.

New Version

- A2 (2022) The annual subscription including GST shall be \$213 for a Fellow, \$178 for a Full Member, and \$85 for a Student Member or Associate Member or such other amounts as shall be determined from time to time in accord with Article 9 of the Constitution. The rate for a Corporate Member was set to zero at the AGM in 2021, As there are no longer any Associate Society Members no rate has been set for this category. The Council may choose to offer a discount on some or all these rates for factors such as prompt payment or membership of cognate societies. Cognate societies under this clause must be professional scientific societies with similar aims to that of the Society and must have a constitution compatible with this constitution.
- A7 (2022) Any Full Member or Fellow who has retired and is aged 60 or more and any international Full Member or Fellow may continue membership at an annual subscription rate equal to that for Student Members.

By-Laws Section J

Council also redrafted Section J of the By-Laws relating to the PASA and the Editorial Board to reflect current succession planning practices for the Editorial Board that ensures a continuing high-quality Journal. Our publisher, CUP, refers to the Editor-in-Chief and so this title is now also reflected in the By-Laws and is equivalent to the "Editor" in the Constitution.

Previous

J. Editorial Board

- J1 (2007) The Council of the Society shall appoint an Editorial Board that shall be responsible for the publication of the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia.
- J2 (2007) The Council of the Society shall appoint the Chair of the Editorial Board who shall be the person referred to as the Editor in Article 14 of the constitution and who shall report in writing to each meeting of the Council and to the Annual General Meeting.
- J3 (2013) Council appointments of Chair or Member of the Editorial Board shall be for 3 years or such shorter term as the Council may deem necessary. Consecutive appointments shall be allowed.
- J4 (2007) In making appointments to the Editorial Board, the Council shall take into account fields of expertise encompassed by the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia and shall stagger the appointments to ensure continuity of expertise and familiarity with editorial policy.
- J5 (2007) The Editorial Board shall be responsible for the peer review of papers and the maintenance of acceptable standards in articles published in the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia.

- J6 (2007) The Editorial Board shall be responsible for the development of policy on publication by the Society and shall recommend policy changes to the Council.
- J7 (2007) The Chair of the Editorial Board shall be responsible for all communications with the publishers and printers and shall ensure their adherence to the requirements of the Council.

New Version

J. Editorial Board

- J1 (2022) The Council of the Society shall appoint an Editorial Board that shall be responsible for the publication of the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia. The Board shall comprise the Editor-in-Chief who will Chair the Board, the Deputy Editor-in-Chief and other Associate Editors, such that there are at least 5 members of the Editorial Board. In addition, the Immediate Past Editor-in-Chief will serve one consecutive year after their term as Editor-in-Chief ends (ex-officio, if they are available and have not been terminated from their position by the Council).
- J2 (2022) The Editor-in-Chief shall be the person referred to as the Editor in Article 14 of the constitution and who shall report in writing to each meeting of the Council and to the Annual General Meeting.
- J3 (2022) Council appointments of the Editor-in-Chief, Deputy Editor-in-Chief or Associate Editor of the Editorial Board shall be for 3 years or such shorter term as the Council may deem necessary. Consecutive appointments shall be allowed. The Council may extend any appointment if the need arises and may shorten or terminate an appointment in exceptional circumstances.
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- J5 (2007) The Editorial Board shall be responsible for the peer review of papers and the maintenance of acceptable standards in articles published in the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia.
- J6 (2007) The Editorial Board shall be responsible for the development of policy on publication by the Society and shall recommend policy changes to the Council.
- J7 (2022) The Editorial Board members shall select referees for submitted papers, make editorial recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief based on referees' reports, solicit papers for submission, be advocates for the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia and contribute constructively to its editorial strategy.
- J8 (2007) The Chair of the Editorial Board shall be responsible for all communications with the publishers and shall ensure their adherence to the requirements of the Council.
- J9 (2022) The Deputy Editor-in-Chief will assist the Editor-in-Chief, including in situations where the Editor-in-Chief is conflicted or unavailable to make editorial decisions.
- J10 (2022) In appointing the Deputy Editor-in-Chief, the Council will give preference to current or past Associate Editors of the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia who have displayed the required level of competence in their role. The Deputy Editor-in-Chief will be appointed for a length of term commensurate with that of the Editor-in-Chief. The Deputy Editor-in-Chief will usually succeed the Editor-in-Chief when the latter's term expires.
- J11 (2022) The Immediate Past Editor-in-Chief will serve (ex-officio as outlined in clause J1) as an experienced Associate Editor, providing advice and guidance to the new Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief as needed.