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**BALLOT FOR THE ASA COUNCIL, 2023 – 2025**

In accordance with Article 33 of the Constitution (available from the web at <http://asa.astronomy.org.au/constitution.html>), the current Council must provide a full list of nominations for the succeeding Council. By-Law D1 requires the Council to take account of regional representation and gender balance in compiling this list. As required under Article 34 of the Constitution, a call for additional nominations from the membership has been made and one additional nomination received for the Council.

In accordance with Article 35 and By-Laws D3 and D4 of the Constitution, this ballot paper is circulated to all members entitled to vote under Article 30 of the Constitution.

The President, John Lattanzio completes his maximum two-year term and is not eligible for nomination to the same role. The Secretaries and Treasurer have no limits on their terms. Councillors can serve for up to four years (two 2-year terms) in a single unbroken period. The Immediate Past-President, Chair of the Editorial Board, the Prizes and Awards Co-ordinator and the Media and Outreach Officer are ex-officio members of Council.

The following will be elected unopposed at the Annual General Meeting at Macquarie University, Mason Theatre, and by Zoom, on Wed 5July 2023 commencing at 1.30 pm AEST:

 President: Ass Prof Stas Shabala University of Tasmania

 Vice-President: Dr Ashley J Ruiter University of NSW

 Secretaries: Dr Marc L Duldig University of Tasmania (adjunct)

 Ass Prof John W O'Byrne SIFA, University of Sydney

 Treasurer: Dr Yeshe Fenner OZGRAV, Swinburne University

The following are ex officio and not for election:

 Immed. Past Pres Prof John C Lattanzio Monash University

 Chair Ed Board Dr Ivo R Seitenzahl University of NSW, Canberra

 Prizes & Awards Dr Tanya Hill Melbourne Planetarium, Scienceworks

 Media & Outreach Ass Prof Michael J I Brown Monash University

The following are candidates for election to the ASA general Council:

 Councillors: Ass Prof Christoph Federrath Australian National University

 Prof Richard de Grijs Macquarie University

 Ass Prof Richard M McDermid Macquarie University

 Dr Bernhard Müller Monash University

 Dr Sarah E Pearce SKA Low

 Dr O. Ivy Wong CSIRO Space & Astronomy

Some information concerning these candidates can be found on the ASA web page at https://asa.astronomy.org.au/council\_ballot/.

**How to return a valid vote**

* The attached ballot paper may be submitted in one of three ways:
	+ Electronically (preferred) from this website not later than **5 pm AEST, Friday 30th June 2023.**
	+ Returned by *paper mail* to ASA Secretary Dr Marc Duldig so that it is received. Return by email is NOT acceptable.

 or

* + Handed to either Secretary at the Annual Scientific Meeting, **not later than one hour before the start of the Annual General Meeting.**

 There is no provision for voting by a proxy.

* You are asked to strike out one (1) name only on the ballot paper, leaving unmarked the exact number of names of candidates appropriate for the office which is subject to a ballot. In this case, there are five (5) Ordinary Councillor positions and six (6) nominees.
* For paper ballots:
	+ The ballot paper must be enclosed in a sealed envelope.
	+ The envelope containing the ballot paper must be clearly marked “Ballot Paper Only” on the outside.
	+ The envelope containing the ballot paper must be signed by the member with their name printed legibly under the signature.
	+ If mailing the ballot paper, the envelope containing the ballot paper must be placed inside another envelope addressed to:

Dr Marc Duldig, Secretary, ASA

School of Physical Sciences

University of Tasmania

Private Bag 37, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000

Posted ballot papers must be *received* by Dr Marc Duldig on or before Friday 30th June 2023.

**Incorrectly marked envelopes containing ballot papers will be opened as ordinary mail – this will invalidate an otherwise formal vote.**