

GEO Programme Board co-chairs, PO observers and term length lottery: Processes and outcomes

1) Process followed for electing PB co-chairs.

- i) Candidates either nominated by 3rd party or self-nominated to full PB, with deadline of Friday, 9 December 2016.
 - Member candidates:
 - China
 - USA
 - PO candidates:
 - European Environment Agency (EEA)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
- ii) Member and PO ballots cast by email to Secretariat with deadline of Thursday 15 December 2016 (Members voted for Member candidates; POs voted for PO candidates).
- iii) Results (*announced to full PB on Friday, 16 December 2016*):
 - Members co-chair (12 out of 15 Members voting; quorum attained):
 - China: 4 votes
 - USA: 8 votes
 - Participating Organizations co-chair (17 out of 17 POs voting; quorum attained):
 - EEA: 14 votes
 - IOC: 3 votes
- iv) Ballots cast for third PB co-chair from combined pool of remaining Member and PO candidates to Secretariat, with deadline of Wednesday 21 December 2016 (both Members and POs voted for candidate of choice from combined pool).
- v) Results (*announced to full PB on Thursday, 22 December 2016*):
 - Third co-chair (8 out of 15 Members, 11 out of 17 POs voting; quorum attained):
 - China: 9 votes
 - IOC: 10 votes

2) Process followed for electing three PO observer seats to the Executive Committee.

- i) Candidates either nominated by 3rd party or self-nominated to Secretariat, with deadline of Friday, 9 December 2016.
- ii) Slate of candidates circulated to PO members of PB on Monday, 12 December 2016.
 - Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)
 - Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)
 - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
 - International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG)
 - World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- iii) Ballot for single favorite candidate cast by email to Secretariat with deadline of Thursday 15 December 2016.
- iv) Three candidates receiving the most votes were (17 out of 17 POs voting; quorum attained):
 - CEOS
 - GOOS
 - IEEE

v) Results announced to full PB on Friday, 16 December 2016.

3) Process followed for conducting Lottery to determine term lengths.

- i) Secretariat conducted lottery on 5 January 2017, by means of random number generation and ranking in Microsoft Excel (see Appendix I; procedure broadcast on WebEx, recording also made available for inspection).
- ii) Lottery was conducted four times:
 - a. For 3 PB co-chairs.
 - b. For 3 PO observers on the Executive Committee.
 - c. For Members (minus any co-chairs).
 - a. For POs (minus any co-chairs and observers).

iii) Results:

PB Co-chairs	Term Length (years)	Term End Date (31 Dec)
EEA	3	2019
USA	2	2018
IOC	1	2017
PO Observers		
CEOS	3	2019
IEEE	2	2018
GOOS	1	2017
Members		
China	3	2019
European Commission	3	2019
Italy	3	2019
Japan	3	2019
Ghana	2	2018
South Africa	2	2018
Spain	2	2018
Uganda	2	2018
United Kingdom	2	2018
Canada	1	2017
France	1	2017
Germany	1	2017
Greece	1	2017
Madagascar	1	2017
Participating Organizations		
ESIP	3	2019
ISDE	3	2019
MRI	3	2019
WMO	3	2019
ICSU	2	2018
ITC	2	2018
OGC	2	2018
UCAR	2	2018
COSPAR	1	2017
GRSS	1	2017
IUGG	1	2017
POGO	1	2017

Appendix A: Excel spreadsheet showing random number “lottery” results for PB term lengths.

<i>PB Lottery - 5 January 2017</i>			
PB Co-chairs	Random number	Rank	Term Length (years)
USA	0.173451433	2	2
EEA	0.832867077	3	3
IOC	0.03916142	1	1
PO Observers	Random number	Rank	Term Length (years)
CEOS	0.171855989	3	3
GOOS	0.077862171	1	1
IEEE	0.128377789	2	2
Members	Random number	Rank	Term Length (years)
Canada	0.722406593	10	1
China	0.742047048	12	3
European Commission	0.659987847	9	3
France	0.014340452	1	1
Germany	0.904910786	13	1
Ghana	0.656247887	8	2
Greece	0.608696546	7	1
Italy	0.119740026	3	3
Japan	0.547506508	6	3
Madagascar	0.371200895	4	1
South Africa	0.939398475	14	2
Spain	0.472205133	5	2
Uganda	0.727700297	11	2
United Kingdom	0.035190895	2	2
Participating Organizations	Random number	Rank	Term Length (years)
COSPAR	0.042228216	1	1
ESIP	0.579673171	9	3
GRSS	0.174383896	4	1
ICSU	0.456769213	8	2
ISDE	0.133625671	3	3
ITC	0.062417992	2	2
IUGG	0.60287921	10	1
MRI	0.914907068	12	3
OGC	0.613888047	11	2
POGO	0.289856823	7	1
UCAR	0.177238363	5	2
WMO	0.211620387	6	3