

RULES OF ELECTION 2015

These Rules of Election are formulated in accordance with Clause 14 of the Constitution of Britain-Nepal Academic Council and were approved by the General Meeting of on the 16th April 2015.

1. The election of Executive Officers (Chair, General Secretary, Treasurer) is described in the Constitution. Names proposed and seconded for these positions along with any necessary electronic or postal voting details need to be circulated to the members by email by the out-going General Secretary at least seven days before the date of General Meeting.
2. For the (up to) 8 elected members of the Executive Committee it is envisaged that they will serve for 4 years (renewable), as with Executive Officers. Every two years four of the eight elected members should either retire or stand for re-election.
3. Where there are multiple candidates for any of these posts, the outgoing General Secretary will arrange voting: (i) electronic voting through email or other means, or postal voting, and (ii) a secret ballot for those who did not vote electronically as part of the General Meeting where the election is held. If the General Secretary is him or herself a candidate, another member of the Executive Committee who is not standing for election, and where such person is not found any other general member who is not standing for election, shall be proposed by the Chair of the BNAC and agreed by the Executive Committee to oversee the election. Once all the candidates are known, the Secretary or any other designated person should circulate the names and a very brief statement from each candidate (no more than 100 words). Members should then email the names for which they wish to vote to the Secretary or any other designated person who will collate the result.
4. On this occasion, in 2015, since the rules have only just been adopted, we cannot hold the election as part of the General Meeting nor through prior electronic voting this year (because there is no time to circulate members and invite them to stand). Instead, we will hold the election, if there are more than four candidates for the four vacancies, by email in the six weeks that follow the GM. First a two-week period must elapse so that the new constitutional rules can be approved. Then a two-week period should be permitted for names to be put forward, with a proposer and a seconder, both of whom must be BNAC members.
5. In subsequent years, i.e. from 2017, it will be possible to advise members ahead of any General Meeting, and it will be possible to hold the election for new members of the Executive Committee (if required) as mentioned in rules (1), (2) and (3) above.
6. After discussion in the meeting it was agreed to operate a hybrid system in 2017: all those present at the Study Days should vote in person; anyone not able to come to the Study Days would be able to submit a postal or electronic ballot. Following elections (if held) in 2017, the Executive Committee will evaluate the

Rules of Elections and propose changes for simplification or improvement of the process, if necessary.

7. One can vote in the elections for the Executive Committee immediately upon becoming a member; however to become a candidate one has to have two consecutive years as a member.
8. It was agreed that Executive Committee would do everything it could to encourage balanced representation, reflecting the various diversities of gender, age, ethnicity (Nepali and non-Nepali), and discipline among the membership.