

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOANALYSTS

MISSION

To serve as an international forum for the advancement of geoanalytical science and to promote the interests and support the professional needs of those involved in the analysis of geological and environmental materials.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To serve as a forum for the advancement of geoanalytical science
- To promote the interests and professional standing of members
- To promote research into new methods of sampling and analysis
- To organise conferences and meetings and to act as the main sponsor of the Geoanalysis series of conferences
- To encourage younger scientists in the profession and their participation in meetings
- To improve and promote the assessment of measurement uncertainty and data quality as fit for purpose through proficiency testing and the development and use of reference materials
- To encourage and facilitate the publication of members' contributions in *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research* and elsewhere
- To disseminate information of interest to members using appropriate media

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CONSTITUTION

Title

Art. 1. The association shall be called the International Association of Geoanalysts (hereafter designated by its acronym IAG).

Art. 2. The IAG's mission shall be to serve as an international forum for the advancement of geoanalytical science and to promote the interests and support the professional needs of those involved in the analysis of geological and environmental materials.

Membership

Art. 3. Membership of the IAG shall be open to all those with an interest in the analysis of geological and environmental materials and is available in the following categories:

- (i) **Voting members.** Individuals normally possessing a university degree or equivalent qualification in an appropriate subject and having relevant experience and be practising in the profession;
- (ii) **Associate members.** Individuals or organisations who share and support the aims of the IAG. Associate members enjoy the full benefits of membership of the Association but may not vote in elections;
- (iii) **Student members.** Individuals studying for a university degree or equivalent qualification in an appropriate field. Student members enjoy the full benefits of membership of the Association but may not vote in elections. Applications for student membership must be endorsed by the student's supervisor or Head of Department;
- (iv) **Corporate members.** Organisations and companies that support the aims of the IAG. Corporate membership entitles members of such organisations and companies to participate in the Association's activities as Associate members; the Corporate member organisation is entitled to one member's vote;
- (v) **Honorary life members.** Honorary life membership of the IAG may be awarded at the discretion of Council to individuals in recognition of meritorious service to the Association or the field of geoanalysis.

Art. 4. Applications for membership shall be approved or otherwise by a majority decision of Council.

Art. 5. Fees for the various classes of membership shall be determined annually by a decision of Council.

Council and Officers

- Art. 6. The management of the IAG shall be vested in a Council consisting of the Officers of the Association and up to six Members. Council may co-opt additional members as permitted by Standing Orders. All Members of Council shall be Voting Members of the Association.
- Art. 7. The Officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- Art. 8. The Officers of the Association and Members of Council shall be elected by a simple majority ballot of Voting Members who cast a valid vote in the election as prescribed in Standing Orders. They must themselves be Voting Members of the Association at the time of their election.
- Art. 9. Officers and Members of Council shall be elected for the period up to the next General Meeting following their election. This will normally be for approximately three years.
- Art. 10. In the event that insufficient nominations are received to fill the vacant posts of Officers and Members of Council, Council may co-opt a sufficient number of Voting Members to fill those vacancies at any time following the General Meeting. Such co-option shall run until next the election.
- Art. 11. If an Officer or Member of Council dies, resigns or ceases to serve or hold office, Council may co-opt a Voting Member to serve or hold office for the remainder of the period for which the person replaced was elected.

Sub-Committees of Council

- Art. 12. Sub-committees may be established by Council from time to time as permitted by Standing Orders. They shall normally be chaired by a Member of Council who will be expected to report periodically on their activities.

General Meeting

- Art. 13. Normally, a General Meeting of the Association shall be held at intervals of approximately three years. All members of the Association shall be entitled to attend the GM but only Voting Members shall be eligible to vote.
- Art. 14. The agenda of the GM shall include:
- (i) The Minutes of the previous General Meeting;
 - (ii) A report from the President on the Association's activities since the last GM;
 - (iii) A report from the Honorary Treasurer on the Association's finances;
 - (iv) The election of Officers and Members of Council;
 - (v) The appointment of up to two honorary independent financial assessors;
 - (vi) Any proposals for changes to the Association's Constitution or Standing Orders.

Art. 15. The quorum for the GM or Special GM shall be five Voting Members not including the Officers of the Association.

Art. 16. Council shall cause Minutes of the General Meetings to be kept.

Special General Meeting

Art. 17. By resolution of Council, or upon receipt of a request signed by at least twenty Voting Members of the Association, the Honorary Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting to be held within six to twelve weeks from receipt of such a resolution or application.

Art. 18. Notice of such a Special General Meeting shall be sent to all members of the Association as soon as practicable once the date has been set.

Dissolution of the Association

Art. 19. In the event of two successive General Meetings being inquorate or by a majority decision of Voting Members at a General Meeting or Special General Meeting, the Association shall be dissolved and any residual assets donated to an appropriate scientific organisation.

Interpretation of the Constitution

Art. 20. This Constitution shall be interpreted according to English law.

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STANDING ORDERS

Co-option to Council

- S.O. 1 Council may co-opt up to eight additional members for the period up to the next General Meeting following their co-option.

Sub-Committees of Council

- S.O. 2 Council may establish sub-committees from time to time to act as a focal point for work on particular IAG activities, such as proficiency testing, certification of reference materials, organisation of meetings, and to provide an international regional framework for the Association.

Notice of General and Special General Meetings

- S.O. 3 The Honorary Secretary shall send notification of the date, time and location of General and Special General Meetings to all members of the Association not less than eighteen weeks beforehand.

Election of Officers and members of Council

- S.O. 4 Not less than eighteen weeks before the published date of a General Meeting the Honorary Secretary shall send to all Voting Members an invitation to nominate Members of Council and Officers of the Association other than the Immediate Past President.
- S.O. 5 Nominations for Members of Council and Officers of the Association other than the Immediate Past President must be received by the Honorary Secretary not less than twelve weeks before the published date of the General Meeting. They must include the names of a proposer and seconder, who themselves must be Voting Members of the Association, and a signed declaration by the candidate that he or she is willing to stand for election. They may also include an electoral statement by the candidate of not more than 250 words. A member may be nominated for only one seat on Council.
- S.O. 6 If more than one nomination for an office is received or if the total number of nominations for Members of Council exceeds six, the Honorary Secretary shall prepare appropriate ballot papers, which shall be sent to all Voting Members not less than nine weeks before the published date of the General Meeting.
- S.O. 7 Valid ballot papers must be received by the Honorary Secretary not less than two weeks before the published date of the General Meeting.

- S.O. 8 The accidental omission to send a ballot paper to a member or the non-receipt of a ballot paper by any member shall not invalidate any election but, in the event of dislocation of the postal services or other incident resulting in the loss or late delivery of a substantial number of ballot papers, the President, on receipt of a request signed by not fewer than ten members, shall decide, on behalf of the Council, whether or not the election should be invalidated and a fresh ballot arranged.
- S.O. 9 If in a ballot equal numbers of votes are cast for two or more candidates in respect of one vacancy, the issue shall be decided by a simple majority vote at the General Meeting.