



Extraordinary General Assembly Election of the ISC Nominations and Elections Committee

Results of the vote

Background

The role of the ISC Nominations and Elections Committee is to advise on and direct the processes of nomination, election and appointment of members of the ISC Governing Board, as well as to ensure the appropriateness, effectiveness, and inclusiveness of its composition.

ISC Members were invited to [submit nominations](#) for the committee by 16 April 2024, after which the ISC Governing Board reviewed the nominations received. Taking geographical, disciplinary, gender, ethnicity and career stage considerations into account, the Governing Board [proposed the composition of the ISC Nominations and Elections Committee](#) to ISC Members on 10 May 2024.

ISC Members eligible to vote were invited to designate their voting delegate to cast the vote on the approval of the proposed composition of the ISC Nominations and Elections Committee by 10 May. Electronic voting opened on 13 May and closed on 21 May 2024.

Three tellers were invited to verify the results of the vote:

- Emma Heslop (IOC/UNESCO and Office of the Global Ocean Observing System – GOOS)
- Elina Troscenko (Head, Secretariat of the Global Research Programme on Inequality – GRIP)
- Jean-Claude Worms (Executive Director, Committee on Space Research – COSPAR)

The meeting documents and the full consultation process can be accessed at <https://council.science/members/isc-nominations-elections-committee-2024-2028/>.

Counting of the votes

The tellers had been briefed by the ISC Secretariat on the voting and counting procedures in two meetings on 7 and 13 May 2024.

The tellers met with members of the Secretariat (Anne Thieme, Jane Guillier, Sarah Moore) on 23 May 2024 to count the votes.

The Statutes and Rules of Procedure (adopted on 8 March 2024) define the applicable voting rules (Statute 17):

17. The General Assembly will vote with a different system for two different types of issues:

[...]

ii. Voting on all other matters is as follows:

- *Category 1 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 2 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 3 Members collectively have 20 percent of the overall vote.*
- *b. Within Category 1 and Category 3, each Member has an equal vote.*
- *c. Each Category 2 Member has an equal vote, except in cases where there is more than one Category 2 Member representing the same country, territory or region, in which case the Members from that country, territory or region must agree on a common voting position resulting in a single vote. Should they not find agreement, they shall have a proportion of that vote agreed between them,*
- *otherwise the vote will be divided proportionately to dues paid.*

Rule of Procedure 1.1:

In votes of the General Assembly, a quorum shall consist of 50 percent of Members eligible to vote, in any category of membership.

Summary of results

Of 199 Members in good standing, 145 Members (72.86%) voted. A quorum (50%) was therefore reached.

The composition of the ISC Nominations and Elections Committee was approved by 99.11% of the weighted votes actually cast, with 0.89% of the votes against.

Detailed results are presented below.

Detailed results

Quorum

The total number of Members in good standing and eligible to vote was:

Category 1:	43
Category 2:	107
Category 3:	49
Total:	199

145 Members in good standing (32 Category 1, 77 Category 2, and 36 Category 3) voted, meaning 72.86% of the eligible Members.

A quorum was thus reached.

Weighting

Category 1 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 2 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 3 Members collectively have 20 percent of the overall vote.

There are 107 eligible Category 2 Members: 79 are the sole representatives of a country/territory, and 28 are distributed across 13 countries/territories. There are therefore 92 (79+13) full Category 2 votes.

There being 43 eligible Category 1 Members and 92 Category 2 votes, the weighting of Category 1 Members is:

$$92/43 = 2.139535$$

There being 49 eligible Category 3 Members, 92 Category 1 and 92 Category 2 votes, the weighting of Category 3 Members is:

Category 1 Members: 92 weighted votes = 40%

Category 2 Members: 92 votes = 40%

Category 3 Members: 46 votes = 20%

$$46/49 = 0.938776$$

Abstention

The abstention rate was 27.14%. 1 Member abstained actively (i.e. registered a voting delegate and selected the option 'abstain').

Election of the ISC Nominations and Elections Committee

Category 1 Members

	Simple votes	Weighting	Weighted votes
Approved	32	2.139535	68.47
Did not approve	0	2.139535	0

Category 2 Members

	Votes from one-Member countries/territories/regions	Votes from countries/territories/regions with fractional votes	Total national/territorial/regional votes
Approved	55	9.17	64.17
Did not approve	1	0.5	1.5

Category 3 Members

	Simple votes	Weighting	Weighted votes
Approved	36	0.938776	33.80
Did not approve	0	0.938776	0

Total weighted votes cast: 167.93
Total positive weighted votes: 166.43 (99.11%)
Total negative weighted votes: 1.5 (0.89%)

Conclusion of the tellers

The tellers in this extraordinary General Assembly on the election of the ISC Nominations and Elections Committee,

- Emma Heslop (Office of the Global Ocean Observing System – GOOS)
- Elina Troscenko (Head, Secretariat of the Global Research Programme on Inequality – GRIP)
- Jean-Claude Worms (Executive Director, Committee on Space Research – COSPAR)

testify to the results presented in this report.

Date: 23 May 2024

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Elina Troscenko



Jean-Claude Worms

