



The Royal Society
of Western Australia

NOTICE OF ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

15 July 2019, 5.30pm

Kings Park Administration Building

1 Kattidj Close, Kings Park

We are seeking input from all members on the proposed changes to the constitution which will impact on the future of the Society. Please take this opportunity to have your say!

and July presentation:

Landslides and beachballs: WA's unique earthquake history

Professor Myra Keep

School of Earth Sciences, UWA

See details at the base of this email

The OGM will precede the presentation

In Accordance with Clause 26 of The Constitution (copy below), Notice is given to all Members that an Ordinary General Meeting of The Royal Society of Western Australia will be held:-

Monday 15 July 2019 at 5.30 pm
BGPA Administration Building, 1 Kattidj Close, Kings Park

The first item of business will be to prepare a **list of Members proposed for election** to the RSWA Council at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 19 August 2017. The list of names of Members proposed by the current RSWA Council for election, and their term of office, is:-

President:	Prof. Hans Lambers (2 years)
Past President:	Prof. David Haig (2 years)
Vice President:	Ms. Penny Wallace-Bell (2 years)
Vice President:	<i>vacant</i>
General Secretary:	Dr. Myra Keep (2 years)
Membership Secretary:	Dr. Margaret Smith (2 years)
Treasurer:	<i>vacant</i>
Editor-in Chief:	Dr. Arthur Mory (2 years)
Librarian:	Ms. Bobbie Bruce (2 years)
Councillor:	Dr. Hugo Bekle
Councillor:	Dr. Giada Bufarale (2 years)
Councillor:	Dr. Eckart Hakansson (2 years)
Councillor:	Mr. Darren Hamley (2 years)
Councillor:	Dr. Leanda Mason (2 years)
Councillor:	Dr. Justin Parker (2 years)

Any Member present at the Ordinary General Meeting shall be entitled to propose another Member to hold any position on the Council, and if the candidate nominated has signified willingness to accept office if elected, then the name of such nominee shall be added as a candidate.

The second item of business will be to propose **Changes to the Constitution of the RSWA** regarding membership classes, and subsequent changes to other related parts of the Constitution.

Proposed changes to Clause 11, "Classes of membership"

The proposal is to simplify the 6 current membership classes (Ordinary, Fellow, Student, Honorary, Honorary Fellow, Corporate) to 4 classes, based on those currently in use by the Royal Society of New South Wales. Proposed new classes would be:

(a) Distinguished Fellows:

The honour Distinguished Fellow of the Royal Society of Western Australia is awarded to outstanding internationally distinguished contributors to the natural and physical sciences resident in Western Australia. The number of Distinguished Fellows is limited to 12 at any one time, and will be selected by a committee of Distinguished Fellows nominated by the Council of the Society. Distinguished Fellows are entitled to use the postnominal DistFRSWA. Each volume of the Journal of Royal Society of Western Australia will include a list of the Distinguished Fellows.

(b) Fellows:

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Western Australia has made a sustained contribution to the natural and physical sciences and/or to science education with a minimum of 5 years post-graduation experience, or as determined by the Council of the Society. Fellows of the Society are entitled to use the postnominal FRSWA. Each volume of the Journal of Royal Society of Western Australia will include a list of the Fellows. A Fellow must be a financial member of the Society and shall have the following rights and privileges:

- (i) To be present and to speak and vote at Ordinary, Special or Annual General Meetings of The Society, to vote in postal ballots conducted by The Society, and to attend excursions, meetings, lectures or other activities arranged from time to time by The Society.*
- (ii) To be eligible for election as a member of the Council hereinafter referred to and also to any office or position in The Society.*
- (iii) To access the Journal of The Society.*
- (iv) To receive other publications or documents issued by The Society, upon such conditions as the Council may from time to time determine.*
- (v) To borrow books, periodicals, papers, or other documents belonging to The Society, subject to the approval of the Council.*
- (vi) To propose or second candidates for admission as Fellows or Members of The Society.*
- (vii) At any meeting held by The Society to introduce visitors. Such visitors shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting or excursion, but may express opinions on any matter under discussion at the invitation of the Chairperson or leader.*
- (viii) To propose or second any Fellow for election to the Council.*

(c) Ordinary Members:

An Ordinary Member can be any person with an interest in the advancement of science and may be a scientist now involved in a non-science field, a secondary or post-secondary student, or a member of the general public. If financial, Ordinary Members can, with permission of Council, use the postnominal MRSWA. An Ordinary Member shall have the following rights and privileges:

- (i) To be present and to speak and vote at Ordinary, Special or Annual General Meetings of The Society, to vote in postal ballots conducted by The Society, and to attend excursions, meetings, lectures or other activities arranged from time to time by The Society.*
- (ii) To be eligible for election as a member of the Council at the request of the Council, hereinafter referred to and also to selected office or position in The Society, at the request of the Council.*
- (iii) To access the Journal of The Society.*
- (iv) To receive other publications or documents issued by The Society, upon such conditions as the Council may from time to time determine.*
- (v) To borrow books, periodicals, papers, or other documents belonging to The Society, subject to the approval of the Council.*
- (vi) At any meeting held by The Society to introduce visitors. Such visitors shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting or excursion, but may express opinions on any matter under discussion at the invitation of the Chairperson or leader.*

(d) Honorary Members:

The Society at its Annual General Meeting in any year may, on the recommendation of the Council, admit as Honorary Members persons who have made a significant contribution to the Society. Honorary Members shall have the same rights and privileges as Ordinary Members, but without liability for any subscription. Honorary members can, with permission of Council, use the postnominal HRSWA. "

Proposed changes to Clause 20-24, "Subscriptions"

If changes to Clause 11 are approved, then additional changes are required to the wording of Clauses 20-24 relating to subscriptions for the various membership categories.

20. The subscription for each Fellow and Ordinary membership shall be set from time to time on recommendation of the Council and approval by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of ~~Ordinary Financial Members~~ voting at any Ordinary or Annual General Meeting of The Society, of which at least ~~twenty-eight~~ **fourteen** days notice has been given, and in which notice the proposed alterations have been specified.

~~Ordinary Members whose subscriptions are not in arrears shall be granted Ordinary Membership for Life upon payment of a fee of twenty years subscription at the rate of the current year.~~

21. Fellow Membership rate shall not be more than ~~450~~ **200** percent of that of the Ordinary Membership rate.

~~22. Student Membership shall not be more than 60 percent of the Ordinary Membership rate.~~

23. The financial year of The Society shall be from the first day of July in each year to the thirtieth day of June in the following year.

24. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance and shall become due on the first day of July in each year. Any member whose subscription is unpaid six months after the due date in any year shall cease to be a Member as per rule 17.

~~(After 21, rules of the Constitution should be renumbered)~~

Proposed changes to Clause 12 and 69 of the Constitution

If changes to Clause 11 are approved, additional changes are required to Clause 12 (Becoming a Member) and Clause 69 (Winding Up of the Society) to reflect changed membership categories

12. Every person desirous of becoming an ~~Ordinary Fellow~~ or ~~Student~~ **Ordinary** Member of The Society shall make application in the form prescribed from time to time by the Council and shall be proposed by an Ordinary, Fellow or Honorary or ~~Honorary Fellow~~ Member of the Society.....

69. The Society may be wound up by a resolution to be passed by a four fifths majority of the **Fellows**, Ordinary and Honorary Members of The Society.....

Proposed changes to Clause 26 of the Constitution (Management)

The proposed changes are that certain positions on Council be appointed rather than elected. These position are: Immediate Past President, Librarian, Editor and Treasurer. The Immediate Past President is entitled to be a full member of Council; the Librarian must be from the WA Museum, who hold the RSWA library, so general nominations for Librarian may not be appropriate; the Editor and Treasurer positions require specialised skills and experience, and general nominations for these positions may not be appropriate.

Clause 26

~~All members of the Council~~ **The President, two Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Membership Secretary and general Councillors** shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of The Society to be held in accordance with rule 50, and serve for a term of one or two years. For the purpose of such election the Council then in office shall submit, at an Ordinary or Special General Meeting held not less than one calendar month before the Annual General Meeting, a list of names of Members proposed by the Council for election indicating the length of term of office and shall appoint a Returning Officer. Any Member present at such Ordinary General Meeting shall be entitled to propose another Member to hold any position on the Council, and if the candidate nominated has signified willingness to accept office if elected, then the name of such nominee shall be added as a candidate. Further, any Member of The Society may lodge with the Returning Officer within seven days after that Ordinary or Special General Meeting, preceding the Annual General Meeting, a nomination in writing in favour of any Member for any position on the Council. Such written nomination shall carry a statement by the candidate nominated as to their willingness to accept

the office if elected. Upon receipt of such nomination, the Returning Officer shall add the name of the nominee as a candidate for the Council. **The Immediate Past President of the Society is entitled to be a full member of Council. After each Annual General Meeting, the Council will appoint a Librarian, Editor and Treasurer who may come either from the elected Councillors or be co-opted onto the Council as full members of Council.**

Professor Myra Keep,
General Secretary, The Royal Society of Western Australia
17 June 2019.

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Landslides and beachballs: WA's unique earthquake history **Professor Myra Keep** **School of Earth Sciences, UWA**

WA has an unlikely and unique record of earthquakes, both onshore and offshore. It is one of the most seismically active "intraplate" regions of the world (far away from a tectonic plate boundary). Onshore the earthquakes and related movements have transformed the landscape. Offshore they have caused a number of extensive landslide deposits imaged by bathymetric and seismic data. This talk will provide an overview of the historical and recent earthquakes, onshore and offshore in WA, including recent earthquake "swarms" in the south of WA.

