

## **Association of Quaternary Researchers (AOQR) Governing Body Election Process**

As the Association of Quaternary Researchers (AOQR) approaches the end of the term for its first Governing Body, it stands on the threshold of a new era filled with promise and opportunity. The outgoing Governing Body has left an ineradicable mark on AOQR's journey, steering it towards growth and success through various initiatives such as obtaining official registration, consistent publication of the Quaternary Chronicle, and the successful organization of impactful events including the Indian Quaternary Congress. With the baton now passed to the members, AOQR eagerly anticipates welcoming fresh perspectives and dynamism to its leadership. This document outlines the comprehensive process for the election of the second Governing Body, ensuring transparency, fairness, and the continued advancement of Quaternary research within the association.

### **Stage 1: Inviting Nominations**

**Notification:** An official notification shall be circulated among AOQR members via email, website announcement, and any other relevant communication channels. The notification will announce the upcoming election for the second Governing Body (GB) of AOQR.

#### **Positions Open for Election:**

The following positions are open for election:

- President
- 3 Vice Presidents
- General Secretary
- Treasurer

#### **Positions Open GB Selection**

- Early Career Researcher (ECR) Representative

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

All nominees must be Indian nationals and current members of AOQR ([Refer List](#)).

Candidates for President and Treasurer must be based in Lucknow, as per the statute.

The ECR Representative must be actively involved in Quaternary science research and have received their PhD degree no more than 7 years ago.

#### **Nomination Period:**

The nomination period will be open for 21-04-2024 to 30-04-2024. During this period, members can submit nominations for themselves or others for any of the open positions.

#### **Nomination Submission:**

Nominations ([Editable PDF](#)) must be submitted electronically to the AOQR through the online portal ([Link](#)).

Each nomination must include the candidate's full name, position they are being nominated for, contact information, and AOQR ID.

Verification of Nominations: The current GB will verify the eligibility of all nominated candidates.

## **Stage 2: Voting**

### **Ballot Preparation:**

The GB will prepare the official ballot listing all eligible candidates for each position.

The ballot will include instructions for voting and a deadline for ballot submission.

Voting Period: The voting period will be open for 4-5-2024 to 6-5-2024

Members will have this time to cast their votes electronically.

### **Voting Process:**

Members will receive the official ballot via email or through the AOQR website.

Each member can vote for one candidate for each position.

Votes must be cast electronically by following the instructions provided on the ballot.

### **Vote Counting:**

After the voting period closes, the GB will tally the votes.

The candidate with the highest number of votes for each position will be declared the winner.

### **Announcement of Results:**

The results will be announced during the 2nd IQC in June 2024.

Newly elected members of the Governing Body will assume their positions starting from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

### **Transition:**

Outgoing members of the Governing Body will facilitate a smooth transition by providing necessary information and support to the newly elected members.

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