

Criteria and Processes for Appointment of the AOSSG Chair and Vice-Chair

I. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to explain the arrangements for appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair (VC) of the Asian-Oceanian Standard-Setters Group (AOSSG), other than those stipulated in the [proposed] Memorandum of Understanding on AOSSG (the MoU.)

This paper should be read in conjunction with the [proposed] MoU. For reference purposes, the followings are excerpts from the relevant provisions of the MoU:

[5] Meetings

- a) The AOSSG shall hold its Annual Meeting in each calendar year, not more than 15 months after the previous Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting shall be in the form of a physical meeting.

The Chair is responsible for the Annual Meetings during that person's term. Nevertheless, the Chair is entitled to ask other members to host a meeting. The member that hosts the Annual Meeting shall be responsible for providing the meeting venue, including equipment to facilitate translation and relevant catering. Travel, accommodation, and related costs are borne by the members attending the meeting. The costs of translators are met by the jurisdiction needing them. The Chair is also responsible for framing the Annual Meeting technical agenda and other matters requiring decisions at, or following, the Meeting.

[11] Terms of the Chair

- a) The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating AOSSG activities and representing the AOSSG to third parties.
- b) Members of AOSSG shall confirm an AOSS that served as the Vice Chair of the AOSSG for the preceding two-year period as the Chair of the AOSSG for the next two-year period at the relevant Annual Meeting.
- c) In the case where the person who acts as the Chair is no longer able to fulfill the role during the term, the Chair's AOSS is responsible for finding a suitably qualified replacement. The Annexure, Criteria and Processes for Appointment of the AOSSG Chair and Vice Chair provides guidance in this regard.

[12] Terms of the Vice Chair

- a) The Vice Chair shall be responsible for supporting the Chair to coordinate AOSSG activities and represent the AOSSG to third parties.

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- b) Members of the AOSSG shall elect an AOSS as Vice Chair of the AOSSG for a two-year term at the relevant Annual Meeting. The election of the Vice Chair shall be carried out in accordance with the Annexure, Criteria and Processes for Appointment of the AOSSG Chair and Vice Chair.
- c) In the case where the person who acts as the Vice Chair is no longer able to fulfill the role during their term, the Vice Chair's AOSS is responsible for finding a suitably qualified replacement. The Annexure, Criteria and Processes for Appointment of the AOSSG Chair and Vice Chair provides the guidance in this regard.

II. Criteria to be the Chair and VC of the AOSSG

1. General

In order to carry out the roles as set out in the Section 11 *Terms of the Chair* and Section 12 *Terms of the Vice Chair* of the MoU, the Chair and the VC of the AOSSG should have the following characteristics:

- (a) ability to provide leadership within the AOSSG membership in working to achieve the agreed vision for the AOSSG. The Chair and the VC must be respectful of the views of the AOSSG members, have the ability to relate to other members and to lead, in a collegiate manner, in the development of the AOSSG's goals;
- (b) ability to effectively represent the AOSSG in international circles, especially on key technical and strategic issues relating to standard-setting, in a manner that commands respect for the AOSSG's views;
- (c) experience in standard-setting and good technical awareness;
- (d) technical, administrative and financial resources to assist and then provide the AOSSG secretariat and to support the technical work of the AOSSG, submissions, meetings of the Chair and the VC, the Chair's Advisory Committee (CAC), informal meetings of AOSSG members and the annual meeting.
- (e) commitment of the Chair or VC's home jurisdiction for applying, adopting or converging with a view to the ultimate goal of adopting IFRSs, for the use of domestic capital markets and other purposes;
- (f) ability to carry out the role over the periods as the VC and/or Chair;
- (g) preparedness to serve the AOSSG's purposes without an undue bias towards their home jurisdiction's interests.

In addition, it would be desirable if the Chair and VC have the followings:

- (a) past leadership in AOSSG working groups;
- (b) reputation among, and involvement with, national standard-setters both inside and outside the region;

- (c) contacts with IASB members and staff;

In accordance with item a) of the Section 11 *Terms of the Chair* and 12 *Terms of the Vice Chair* of the MoU, members serving as the Chair or VC will need to provide an individual who acts as the Chair or VC and the resource to support the person.

2. Exceptional Circumstances

As stipulated in Section [13] *Secretariat* of the MoU, the AOSS that is Chair is primary responsible for providing secretariat function of the AOSSG during its term. However, in rare circumstances, the AOSS that can provide a qualified individual to act as the Chair or VC is unable to support the role in the ways mentioned above. In that case, the AOSSG may investigate whether any other AOSS(s) can assist the individual to overcome the resource constraint. Nevertheless, this requires an explicit support agreement to be reached before nomination.

III. Process for Nominating for VC

In order to ensure the transparency of the nomination processes to elect the VC, nomination shall be carried out in accordance with the following provisions.

1. Process

The Chair should call for nominations for the position of VC three months before the annual meeting where the two-year term of the VC ceases, having actively encouraged potential candidates to consider nomination. Nominations submitted should be in writing, to demonstrate that it meets the criteria as set down in the second section of the paper. In doing so, candidates are requested to submit a written statement of their reasons for nominating and about their suitability for the role.

If there are plural candidates, the Secretariat should send voting papers to members one month before the annual meeting, with a requirement for members to lodge their completed voting papers within two weeks. The results of the voting would be ratified at the annual meeting.

2. Casual Vacancies

As stipulated in Section [11] *Terms of the Chair* and Section [12] *Terms of the Vice Chair* within the MoU, in the case where the person who is the Chair or Vice Chair is no longer able to fulfil the role during the term, the respective Chair's or Vice Chair's AOSS is responsible for finding a suitably qualified replacement.

