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1 Introduction

This paper seeks Conference support for a change to the Bylaws to improve the transparency of the process for nomination of candidates for EC and Permanent Committee Chairs.

2 Background

For some years now, the Bylaws of the Region have included the following clause on nomination of candidates for the EC:

Candidates for election to the EC should normally be notified to Conference delegates by way of a Conference paper, distributed three months prior to the Conference, and including a CV of the candidate and the name of the proposing Society. In the case of candidates for the post of Treasurer, it is a requirement for candidates to be nominated by way of a Conference paper distributed three months in advance, as above. The recommending Society or group of Societies must certify that the candidate has the required qualifications for the post. Notwithstanding that details of candidates shall generally be nominated in advance by Member Societies, in extremis, it is acceptable for candidates for appointment to the EC to be nominated during the Conference.

At recent Conferences, whilst some candidates have been nominated in advance, many have not. The EC is of the view that this does not give Member Societies adequate transparency on the qualifications of candidates standing for election, nor does it give adequate time for consideration of what is an important set of decisions. EC membership carries a heavy load, and It is essential that those elected to the EC have the necessary motivation and capability to contribute at the high level required. The same criteria are also important in the Chairs of the Permanent Committees. The EC therefore asks Conference to approve changes in wording which:

- Makes the pre-nomination of candidates for appointment EC almost mandatory
- Extends that same requirement to the appointment of Chairs for the HF, VHF/UHF/Microwave and EMC Committees
- Improves the quality of the CVs circulated with nomination papers

Furthermore, the current procedure for presentation of CVs states:

A "curriculum vitae" (CV) for the candidate should be enclosed, which must be restricted only to particulars of his/her amateur radio activities. This "curriculum vitae" must not exceed 200 words in length and if longer it will be stopped at the 200th word, (it will not be abridged).

Notwithstanding this, the CV for candidates for the post of Treasurer shall include details of both the candidate's amateur radio and professional activities up to a total maximum of 400 words.

A prior Conference already has accepted that the CV for the Treasurer should also include details of the candidate's professional experience (in addition to amateur radio experience). The EC believes that professional experience is relevant in the appointment of all members of the EC, and therefore proposes that the above policy should be amended.

Taken together, the above results in two recommendations to Conference as follows:

3. Recommendation 1:

That the relevant section of B5 Table 2 of the Bylaws be amended to read:

Candidates for election to the EC and to chair the three permanent Committees (HF, VHF/UHF/Microwave and EMC) should be notified to Conference delegates by way of a Conference paper, distributed three months prior to the Conference, and including a CV of each candidate and the name of the proposing Society. In the case of candidates for the post of Treasurer, the recommending Society or group of Societies must also certify that the candidate has the required qualifications for the post.

Notwithstanding that details of candidates shall be nominated in advance by Member Societies, where the number of candidates nominated in that way is less than the number of vacancies, and at the discretion of Conference, candidates for appointment to the EC may be nominated during the Conference.

4. Recommendation 2:

That the relevant section of the nomination process for candidates to the EC and Permanent Committees should be amended to read:

A "curriculum vitae" (CV) for the candidate should be enclosed, which should include particulars of his/her amateur radio and relevant professional activities. This "curriculum vitae" must not exceed 400 words in length and if longer it will be stopped at the 400th word, (it will not be abridged).