

Easy Guide to the PLSA Executive: Election 2013



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What positions on the PLSA Executive are up for nomination?

PLSA Executive and voting, November 2013			
2012	2013	2014	2015
President (JC)	President (vacant)	President**	
Vice president (was Lindy)	Acting President: Lindy Burford	Vice president**	
Vice president	Vice President** (Lynn Spurling): country representative	Vice President	
Treasurer (Bill Roche)	Treasurer**		
Secretary (Helen Kwaka)	Secretary**	Secretary	
School community (Meralyn Stevens)	Committee member		
Committee member (Jacqui Stretton)	Committee member	Committee member	
Committee member (Hanlie Erasmus)	Committee member		
Committee member (Kelly Morris)	Committee member		
Committee member (Tracy Crisp) – temporary as president role vacant			
Committee member (AP)	Committee member (Anne Pascoe)	Committee member	
Committee member (KM)	Committee member (Dagmar Morello)	Committee member	
Immediate Past President (JN)	Immediate Past President (Judi Cameron)	Immediate Past President	

The PLSA Constitution outlines the PLSA Executive is comprised of no less than 8 or no more than 12 positions (5.2). The green cells in above table outlines there are 8 positions available for nomination:

- Position 1: President – 2 year term
- Position 2: Vice President – 2 year term
- Position 3: Treasurer – 2 year term
- Position 4: Secretary – 1 year term
- Position 5: Committee member - 2 year term
- Position 6: Committee member - 1 year term
- Position 7: Committee member – 2 year term
- Position 8: Committee member – 2 year term

What do the positions with asterisks next to them mean?

These positions are Executive roles on the PLSA Executive. Individuals for these roles are only able to nominate for a second two (2) year consecutive term and thereafter may not be elected to that office for at least two years. This is outlined in clause 5.4 in the Constitution. Please note if you are nominating for one of the Executive positions you must have served a minimum of 12 months on the Executive, as outlined in clause 5.7.

Why are a couple of the positions for nomination only one year, when they are two year roles?

This has occurred to ensure there is an equal balance of both the PLSA Executive committee and the Executive roles changing over every 2 years, as outlined in the constitution.

If I'm interested in nominating to be part of the PLSA Executive, how do I nominate?

To be nominated to join the PLSA Executive, you need to have another member of PLSA sign your nomination form. You are not able to nominate yourself without the support of another PLSA member.

To gain support of a member – contact a manager you know in another Library Service who has voting rights and speak with them about your interest in the committee, and why you want to become involved. If they support your nomination, they will sign your form. Once the form is complete, please submit it to the returning officer according to the details on the form.

I want to nominate, but I won't be seeing the PLSA member. How can I nominate electronically?

Ask them to print the nomination form, complete their details then scan it and e-mail it back to you so you can sign, scan and e-mail to the returning officer.

What is the role of the returning officer?

The returning officer is an independent person, who is not a PLSA member or a staff member from Public Library Services. They are completely impartial, and will ensure voting processes occur in line with the constitution.

The returning officer for the 2013 PLSA Executive election process is Julie Kerr. Julie provides secretarial support to the Executive.

Reading the constitution and looking at the table I know you are required to have positions which are representative of different groups, – why aren't these listed as specific roles on the table?

The constitution outlines in clause 5.2 the PLSA Executive must contain at least one Representative of a Member that is a non-metropolitan library, one Representative of a Member that is a school–community library, and one Representative of a Member that is a metropolitan library. These are not specific positions because an individual can be the Vice President but also the country representative (eg: Lynn Spurling).

I know an individual who should be part of the PLSA Executive Committee. Can I nominate them without them signing the form?

Unfortunately, no. The individual, who is being nominated, must agree to be nominated. This is made through completing and signing and then submitting the nomination form.

Will I get to cast my vote for individuals to be part of the PLS Executive committee?

The vote will only occur if more than the required number of individuals nominate. Voting occurs using a weighted formula and each library service is allowed at least one vote, with more votes allocated to libraries with larger populations. Unless you are the nominated person from your library you won't be able to cast a vote. The network will be informed as to the outcome of the nomination process after the 5 of November and before the 8 of November 2013. There is a document titled PLSA network voting available on-line which provides you with the allocated votes per service <http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=235> (password required)

What happens if there is only one nomination for each vacant position?

There is no need for an election, and the positions will be endorsed at the AGM on the 26 of November 2013.

What happens if only one of the positions has more than one person nominating?

Then the vote for that role goes ahead. As an example, if 2 or more individuals nominate to be Vice President, and 3 individuals nominate to be normal committee members, then just a vote for the Vice President role will occur.

What is the timetable for the nomination and voting process for the PLSA Executive?

Date	Event
24-Oct	Information to network on nominating process and on-line voting
24-Oct	Nominations for PLSA Exec open to the network (14 day window)
30-Oct	Formal notification of PLSA AGM agenda e-mailed to all members (28 days as required by the constitution)
7-Nov	Nominations for PLSA Exec close to the network ** If not enough nominations to force a vote, individuals will be elected and announced at AGM ** Email notification to the field of representatives - only part of Exec after AGM
08-Nov	Detailed voting information to be sent out to the field On-line voting opens (14 day window)
22-Nov	On-line voting closes
28-Nov	Election results announced at PLSA AGM

Why is the voting occurring on-line?

The PLSA Executive recognise the growing challenges we face to ensure participation across the network in the voting process as part of the AGM. As a result, to provide all members of PLSA an opportunity to contribute and recognising the value we place on participation of all members in the network we have enabled on-line voting to occur. Simply put – we want your participation!

Why do I have to provide a brief outline of myself?

If the nominated positions are voted on, the short description of yourself and why you want to be part of the committee will be made available to everyone who is voting. This will assist people to vote – it's hard to vote for someone if you don't know much about them!

What happens if I miss the deadline for nomination?

Nominations must be received by the deadline to be accepted. Unfortunately if your nomination is late it will not be considered, and it would be unconstitutional if it were accepted.

If you have additional questions, please contact any current member of the PLSA Executive.