Call for nomination to the Council of the World Archaeological Congress

Notice is hereby given of the call for nomination for a number of places as regional representatives, identified below, on the Council of WAC.

The Council is the main governing body of WAC between meetings of the WAC Assembly (the Assembly only meets during major WAC Congresses). Full details of the role, responsibilities, and make-up of the Council are given in Article 9 of the Statutes which is appended here for information.

The usual practice is that one representative from each of WAC's fourteen (14) regions steps down every four years. However, owing to a variety of different situations in regions there are slightly more nominations required than normal.

Nominations are required therefore for the following positions:

Senior rep. Northern Africa
Junior Rep. Northern Africa
Senior Rep. Central Africa,
Junior rep. Central Africa
Junior rep. Western Africa
Senior rep, Eastern and Southern Africa
Junior rep. Eastern and Southern Africa
Senior representative Central America and the Caribbean
Senior rep. Southern America
Junior rep. Southern America
Junior rep. Western Asia
Senior Rep, Southern Asia
Junior Rep. Southeastern Asia and the Pacific
Junior rep. Northern Europe
Senior rep. Southern Europe
Junior rep. Southern Europe

Nominations should be sent by email to Ines Domingo at the address indicated on the nomination form (see below) by no later than **1 August 2012**.

By that time the following also need to have been received:
· a short CV of the nominee
· a nomination seconder form
· An acceptance of nomination form

All forms follow below.

In cases where more than one person has been nominated for a position, an election will be held in accordance with Statute 9.4 (reproduced below). Present members of Council whose positions are listed above are eligible for re-nomination. Please note especially Statute 9.4 [d] that states:
"within each Regional Electoral College, members shall only be eligible for nomination to the Council if they are not from the same country as the continuing incumbent Regional Representative on the Council."
The new Council will meet for the first time during WAC-7.

ARTICLE 9: The Council

9.1 The Council shall be the main governing body of WAC between meetings of the Assembly and shall carry into effect the policies established by the Assembly, including the receipt of annual reports from international organising committees. It is hoped that the Council will be able to meet annually.

9.2 The members of the Council shall be:

a] the Officers of WAC; b] two representatives from each Regional Electoral College, a Senior Representative and a Junior Representative.

(To be eligible for election as a Senior Representative a person shall at that time have been in permanent employment within archaeology or a related discipline for a period of more than five years. To be eligible for election as a Junior Representative a person shall not at that time have been in permanent employment within archaeology or a related discipline for a period of more than five years.)

c] eight representatives of Indigenous peoples/the Fourth World to be appointed by organisations such as the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, and the International Indian Treaty Council for a limited period as determined from time to time by the Council.

9.3 Each member of the Council shall have one vote.

9.4 The Regional Representatives shall be elected by secret postal ballot of the individual members within each Regional Electoral College. The ballot shall be conducted as follows:

a] there shall be a separate list of candidates for the position of Senior Representative and for that of Junior Representative; b] the ballot for each position shall be by the single transferable voting system; c] where there are three or more candidates for election, and the two sexes are represented, a member's vote shall be valid only if three votes have been cast in rank order, at least one of which must be for a female and one for a male; d] within each Regional Electoral College, members shall only be eligible for nomination to the Council if they are not from the same country as the continuing incumbent Regional Representative on the Council.

9.5 Members of the Council other than Officers of WAC (whose term on the Council shall be determined by their period in office) shall be elected for a term of eight years. Half the Council shall retire every four years and a new Council will take office immediately after each International Congress (i.e. at a Council meeting convened immediately following the last Assembly meeting during a Congress).

9.6 Members of the Council shall be eligible to serve for more than one period of office.

9.7 The Council shall administer the affairs of WAC in accordance with these Statutes and the decisions and policy of the Assembly. The Council will have full power to take any decisions which may be necessary or desirable in the interests of WAC, including the waiver or modification of particular subscriptions, as well as any termination of membership. Meetings of the Council shall take place at such times and places as it shall decide. Members of the Council who are unable to attend meetings may vote in all matters arising at any meeting by post or by duly authorised proxy. To enable such members to consider the issues properly the Secretary shall circulate to all members of the Council the agenda for each meeting at least 1 month before the date of the meeting.

9.8 The Council shall prepare and present a report to each Assembly on all matters of concern to WAC which have occurred since the previous meeting of the Assembly.

9.9 In the event of there being a vacancy on the Council, for whatever reason, the Executive shall decide whether and how to fill it but in no case shall the term of a member of the Council selected pursuant to this clause exceed that remaining of the vacancy to be filled.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Council Representatives

Purpose

The Council Representatives are responsible for representing the interests of their region on the WAC Executive.

Accountabilities

These positions are elected from the membership of the WAC Council. The Council Representatives are accountable to the President, as the elected leader of WAC, and to the elected members of the WAC Council.

Responsibilities

- Where possible, attend meetings of the WAC Executive, Council, and Assembly.
- Contribute to discussions on the WAC Executive list.
- Represent the views of their constituency in Executive discussions.
- Assist Council members to fulfil their roles.
- Assess the impact of WAC policies on members in their constituency.
- Contribute information on Council views and activities to WAC's annual report.
- Identify potential professional opportunities for the organisation and its members.
- Present WAC activities in the region.
- Identify needs of local archaeologists that may be met by WAC and its current programmes.
- Enlarge WAC activities by identifying potentially useful and promising initiatives that meet expectations of local archaeologists and may be carried out by WAC.

Methods

- Attend local meetings.
- Prepare & collect questionnaire aimed at identifying WAC potentials in the region.
- Write short entries to local papers and webpages.

Skills and Experience

Demonstrated commitment to WAC's aims and activities.
Experience within WAC organisational structure.
Excellent written and oral communication skills.

WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS
ELECTION TO COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM

I, …….. (being a fully paid up member of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC), HEREBY NOMINATE …… to stand for election to the Council of WAC as Junior / Senior* Representative for the …… Region.

Signed ……

Date ……

*delete as applicable

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Ines Domingo

email: ines.domingo@ub.edu

WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS
ELECTION TO COUNCIL
NOMINATION SECONDER FORM

I, ……..
(being a fully paid up member of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC), HEREBY SECOND the nomination of …… to stand for election to the Council of WAC as Junior / Senior* Representative for the …….. Region.

Signed ……

Date ……

*delete as applicable

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WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS
ELECTION TO COUNCIL
ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I, ……
(being a fully paid up member of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC),
HEREBY AGREE to stand for election to the Council of WAC as Junior / Senior*
Representative for the ……..…..… Region.

Signed ……

Date ……

*delete as applicable

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