

XXXI. CO-OPTATION TO THE COUNCIL

1. The Council shall include such persons not exceeding eight in number as may be co-opted by the Council. (Statute XI, 1(iii)).
2. Co-opted members shall hold office for four years and shall normally hold office for a maximum of two terms of four years. (Statute XI, 3).
3. The Nominations Committee shall advise the Council on persons who might be suitable for co-optation, and in so doing shall have regard to the balance of interests, skills and expertise required on the Council at that time.
4. Following receipt of advice from the Nominations Committee, the Council shall decide by voting whether or not to co-opt the persons proposed. No person may be co-opted to membership unless there is a clear majority of members present and voting in favour.
5. The Chair may, if he considers it appropriate, direct that the vote be by secret ballot.
6. The Chair's decision on the outcome of the vote shall be final.
7. In order to ensure a regular rotation of co-opted members it will normally be the case that the period of office of two such members will end on 31 July each year and the Nominations Committee shall ensure that its recommendations take account of this.

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