

Dear AAPPS-DPP Members

Division of Plasma Physics (DPP) is established in January 2014 at the AAPPS council.

Our ByLaw defined the term of ExCo (inc. Chairman) as 3 years. Last year, ExCo discussed how to select next chair.

But all ExCo members except me requested me to continue as DPP chair for another 3 years exceptionally since DPP is still in transient phase. We discussed to have Chair-Elect similar to APS-DPP for him/her to learn and find improved way to execute Chairman's work.

I as Chair asked I-HAC for advice and I-HAC also recommended my continuation for another 3 years as chairman and selection procedures of Chair-Elect. This has been reported to AAPPS council in Brisbane (APPC-13) and accepted.

Following are basic rules of selection of Chair Elect with 3 year term and after 3 years he/she becomes DPP chair for 3 years.

1. Selection body of Chair-Elect: DPP Representatives [DPP representatives are either DPP founders, current ExCo, I-HAC members]

There is hope from I-HAC that this election to be made by all DPP members in the future.

2. Who can be candidates of Chair-Elect: DPP member nominated by 3 DPP Representatives.

Note: DPP chair should have broad mind to respect all fields of plasma physics and should not lean to specific field, institute and country.

DPP chair has to have passion to promote DPP activities in Asia-Pacific region and cooperation with related societies in APS and EPS areas.

3. Nomination document shall include CV, management experiences, publication records, and tentative workplan for DPP promotion.

4. Nomination period is one month after the announcement of the election.

5. Returning officer to conduct the election: to be appointed by current DPP chair (my choice is I-HAC chair Prof. P. Kaw)

6. Duty of returning officer:

a. Receive nominations

b. Check credentials of each candidate and declare their viability

c. He will invite votes upto a final date and declare who has won

d. He will conduct a fair election and keep all records

7. After the election of Chair-Elect, I (Chair) and Chair-Elect will decide new ExCo members and new I-HAC members.

If you have any opinions, let me know.

Formal announcement of call for nomination of chair-elect to DPP Representatives will be made after receiving your comments.

Sincerely yours,

M. Kikuchi, AAPPS-DPP chair