

Explanation of proposed changes to the Rules of the Association

Rule 3 [Membership]

At ESTA's 2017 Annual Conference the keynote presentation *ESTA at 50: A successful organisation- fit for the future* set out a number of recommendations including a proposal to broaden the categories of membership. The changes to Rule 3 would allow those recommendations to be implemented.

- 3(a) Restricts Ordinary membership to individuals. New membership categories are proposed for groups and corporate bodies (see below). Sets out the entitlements of Ordinary members.
- 3(b)-(d) No changes are proposed to the rules governing Student, Senior or Honorary Life members.
- 3(e) Creates a new membership category: Group members, for organisations that wish to share the benefits of Ordinary members among several individuals (employees, volunteers etc).
- 3(f) Creates a new membership category: Corporate affiliates. This is aimed at major organisations who may not be in the education sector but who have an interest in supporting the aims of the Association.
- 3(g) Creates a new membership category: Publications-only subscribers. This is intended for libraries and other institutions that wish to receive copies of *Teaching Earth Sciences* and other ESTA publications but do not wish to receive other communications, send representatives to the Annual Conference, or receive the other benefits of membership.
- 3(h) Clarifies that Council may define and propose any other classes of membership to a General meeting if a need is identified.

Rule 5 [Membership]

The proposed changes to Rule 3 set out the entitlements of each class of membership so Rule 5 is redundant. It is proposed that it should be deleted and following rules renumbered as necessary.

Rule 7 [Subscriptions and Donations]

Allows Council greater flexibility in prescribing the reduced subscriptions for Student and Senior members, while retaining the requirement to obtain the agreement of a General meeting.

Rule 24 [Council]

Removes the restriction that the AGM be held in September, should it be desirable to reschedule the Annual Course and Conference.

Rule 27 [Meetings]

Similarly, allows more flexibility in setting the date and duration of the Annual Course and Conference.