



AGU bylaws: Member comment period (Sept. 20-Nov. 18)

Changes are proposed to the AGU bylaws to bring the bylaws up-to-date to reflect current practice and DC law. These changes have been reviewed by the AGU Board, Council, legal counsel, and a task force composed of Board and Council members to advise the process.

All Union members are encouraged to respond in one of three ways:

1. No comment – The proposed changes look OK to me
2. Abstain from commenting
3. Submit comments

Click [here](#) to respond.

Five types of changes are being proposed, and most of them reflect current practice at AGU:

- Decisions made by the Council under the old governance structure in June 2010 and implemented with the new governance structure on 1 July 2010. These changes have all been in practice since then.
- Decisions made by the Council and/or Board in December 2011 and implemented in 2012
- Clean up changes to reflect current practice and/or simplify bylaws language
- Changes required by DC law or proposed by legal counsel during a review this spring
- “Geophysical science” changed to “Earth and space science” throughout to better align with AGU’s strategic plan

There are three options to review the proposed changes:

- [Summary of changes to the AGU bylaws](#) (2 pages)
- [Color-coded version of the proposed AGU bylaws](#) (color indicates the source of the change)
- [Redlined version of the current AGU bylaws](#)

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Task force members include two members of the AGU Board – John Bates and Cathy Constable – and three members of the AGU Council – Richard Gordon, Kelly Klima and George Tsoflias. Cheryl Enderlein, Assistant Director of Leadership, is the staff partner.

Questions? Please contact [Cheryl Enderlein](#)

