



# BRITISH GRASSLAND SOCIETY

## Policy for the appointment of Regional Reps to BGS Council

Policy Proposed April 2009

Regional representatives are non-Trustees invited by Trustees to attend Council Meetings and Teleconferences. They do not have the voting powers of Trustees in the management of BGS or the responsibility for its management, but are an important link with affiliated local societies and each region generally.

Appointment is at the Annual General Meeting (usually in July), with nominations accepted from full BGS members and affiliated local societies, one year before a Regional Rep is due to retire from Council. The appointed person will serve for a year as Regional Rep Elect, before a two year term on Council and a further one year as Alternate Regional Rep.

The Regional Rep Elect will shadow the role for a year, during which time they may attend meetings on behalf of the Rep should the Rep be unable to attend, before taking the seat on Council. However, they may be asked to join Council sooner should the current Rep be unable, for any reason to continue with their commitment. In the year after their seat on Council, they will support the new Rep in their responsibility, and may attend meetings on behalf of that Rep.

This will change the Alternate appointment schedule in place up to April 2009. Each current Regional Rep (in 2008-2009) will be asked to become an Alternate Rep again for one year at the end of their term as below:

**For Scotland, Northern Ireland, North and South East:**

- the current Rep will retire in July 2009, they will then spend one year as alternate and a new Rep Elect will be appointed at the AGM in 2010. Then a new Rep Elect will next be needed in 2012 and every alternate year thereafter.

**For Wales, Central and South West:**

- the current Rep will retire in July 2010, they will then spend one year as alternate and a new Rep Elect will be appointed in at the AGM 2011. Then a new Rep Elect will next be needed in 2013 and every alternate year thereafter.

Should a Rep, Rep Elect or Alternate be unable to full-fill their obligations above, and a Rep Elect is not in the pre-Council phase and able to come forward, a replacement can be appointed at an AGM or if more than three months before the next AGM may be filled by the Trustees at any meeting of Council. Trustees may also fill any vacancy left after an AGM at any meeting of Council.

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