

Group's Committee and election process

The Groups Committee manages the structure and operation of Groups under delegated authority from the Science and Innovation Committee. The Chair is appointed by Council. The Committee has the following responsibilities and powers:

- Ensure that the portfolio of groups reflects accurately current and emerging physics activities. This may involve the creation or merging of groups, and, on occasion, the closure of groups following a consultation process.
- Monitor the activities of Groups, including their use of funds
- Allocate resources to groups according to the budget set by Council
- Arrange elections for membership of Groups Committee
- Work with IOP's conference team to agree operational matters concerning conference organisation
- Ensure that all group activity is consistent with the diversity and inclusion policies agreed by Council
- Advise on matters pertaining to Groups and on mechanisms to deal with policy decisions

Election process for Groups Committee

Currently the Groups Committee is composed of 10 members, with the Chair and 9 elected representatives from groups.

At the March Group Committee, members of the committee whose term is expiring in September of that year will be thanked for their services. The Chair will confirm how many vacant committee positions need to be advertised. An email with a call for nominations will be sent out to the group officers* in April. This call will be open for 28 days and group officers will be invited to self-nominate themselves for the vacant position(s).

To self-nominate they will be invited to provide a short statement about how they can contribute to the work of the committee. If more nominations than places are available, then an online election process will be held with members of all groups committees eligible to vote. They will be given 21 days to vote. New committee members will be confirmed during the summer in time for the October committee meeting.

* There are 51 special interest groups and each group has a committee comprising three officers and around nine committee members.