



EMS Council Election – Call for Candidates

EMS Council Election (Period 2019/2022)

The European Membrane Society is managed by a council of elected members. According to our statutes, the council must be partly renewed every other year. This year the term of 4 of our members, namely: Cristiana Boi, Alberto Figoli, Antoine Kemperman and Wojciech Kujawski, comes to an end. Therefore, the council needs to recruit **4 new members** via an election. The new council members will sit for the period 2019-2022.

According to the statutes, the main roles of council members are:

- a) to elect a board, i.e., a President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer;
- b) to assist the President in running the society;
- c) to coordinate working parties on various matters decided by the council or by the General Assemblies.

The major activities of the society are described on our web site (www.emsoc.eu). As for an example, the European Membrane Society is the main sponsor of the very successful “Euromembrane” series of conferences or its annual Summer School and it is the council, which organizes the call for applications, reviews the proposals and makes decisions on by whom these conferences are organized. Another very valuable responsibility of the council is to manage the Society budget, for example by offering travel grants or awards especially to students and young researchers. Last, but not least, the council is in contact with other learned societies such as NAMS or Aseanian Membrane Society to coordinate their actions, in particular regarding the organisation of the rotating world membrane conference ICOM. In addition, the EMS is a founding member of WA-MS, the World Association of Membrane Society and the EMS council nominates the EMS representatives on the WA-MS steering committee.

Council members, as elected by all the members of the society, do not represent any private or public institution or group of people.

The council has one yearly face-to-face meeting in Paris, and on average 4 additional virtual meetings per year, plus a general assembly with all the members at least once every other year. Travel and accommodation expenses related to these meetings have not, up to now, been reimbursed by the society. Additional face-to-face council meetings are often organized during conferences or summer schools to save time and money.

We invite you to be a candidate: Sitting at the council is a demanding but very valuable experience. As council members, you will not represent any national or corporate interests, but the membrane nation! We are sure you have already had in mind small things to be improved in the society’s management or important innovations. Then it is time for you to **show up!**

To be a candidate, you only need to:

- i. be a member of the society on **September 30th 2018**;
- ii. get the written support of two other members of the society;
- iii. send before **September 30th** by e-mail to ems@chimie.ups-tlse.fr
 - a signed declaration of candidacy
 - two support letters,
 - a resume in 10 lines (maximum)
 - your date of birth as in case of an equal number of votes for several candidates, the younger will be declared elected.
- iv. submit a brief explanation of about half a page of your vision on the European Membrane Society and state your current and previous interactions and connections with the EMS.

The electronic ballot will be organized by the end of the year, and the results announced right after.

Cristiana Boi
EMS President
On behalf of the council