

President

10 The President shall preside at every general meeting of the Academy and meeting of the Council at which he or she is present.

The President is responsible for the overall leadership of the Australian Academy of Science and through the Council and in conjunction with the Chief Executive sets the global objectives and aspirations of the Academy.

The President represents many aspects of the public face of the Academy to the community (parliamentary leaders, government representatives, industrial leaders, educators, researchers and civil society) in general.

The President Chairs all Council meetings and EXCOM meetings (currently four and nine respectively) and the Annual General Meeting each year, as well as Out-of-Session meetings as required. The governance role of the President is to determine which potential agenda items will constitute business for discussion. The President hosts the Science at the Shine Dome event, during which the President makes an Annual Speech as well as a speech to the Closed Annual General Meeting.

The President shall serve as Chair of the Governance Support Group unless matters under discussion relate to the President's roles and duties, and is responsible for overseeing the performance review and appointment of the Chief Executive.

After the Fellowship has approved the election of Fellows each year **the President** makes contact with each newly elected Fellow, with assistance from the Fellowship Manager, advising them that they have been elected, inviting them to accept the Fellowship and congratulating them on this achievement.

The President carries out a similar exercise for the Corresponding Members elected by the Council.

The President holds a formal reception for new Fellows and guests and the Council immediately after the admission ceremony for new Fellows that precedes the Science at the Shine Dome meeting; this provides a means by which the New Fellows achievements can be acknowledged and celebrated as well as an opportunity to get to know the Executive of the Academy.

In liaison with the Secretary for Education and Public Awareness, the Secretary for Science Policy, the Director Communications and Outreach, and the Chief Executive, **the President** is the primary public spokesperson for the Academy to the media and at major public engagements.

Activities include appearing in the media as the Academy representative (tv, radio, print and social, published journals) and liaising with benefactors in conjunction with the Manager, Development and Stewardship.

In liaison with the Director International Programs and Awards and the Foreign Secretary, **the President** participates in international activities where Presidents of other Academies play a lead role. For example the President is the Academy's delegate when elected to Executive Committees of the InterAcademy Partnership - Science (formerly the IAP Global Network of Science Academies) and the Executive Board of the InterAcademy Partnership - Research (formerly the InterAcademy Council), although it is permitted to delegate these activities to the Foreign Secretary. Events hosted by the UK, Indian, and Chinese, French, Indonesian and Mexican Academies of Science are recent examples.

In addition, **the President** sits on boards and committees of national and international organisations to provide scientific advice or to oversee aspects of their functions. These currently comprise:

- Prime Minister's Science Prizes Committee (alternate deputy co-Chair with President of ATSE)

Considers nominations for the Prime Minister's Prize for Science, the Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year, and Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year.

- Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA) (alternate Chair rotating Presidency with Presidents of other Academies)

Comprises the **Presidents** and CEOs of the four learned academies and provides a mechanism to consider matters of mutual interest and, where appropriate, initiate joint activities, including the expenditure funding provided to ACOLA through the operational grant-in-aid to the learned academies from the Federal Government. The Chair rotates and is currently with the Academy of Science (2016).

- **The President** can receive invitations to attend important multinational science meetings such as the Lindau Nobel Laureates' Meeting, the Science and Technology for Society Meeting (Kyoto) and the Falling Walls Meeting (Berlin).