

Procedure for Nominating a Researcher Representative to the SHARCNET Board

At its October 22nd, 2004 meeting the SHARCNET Board resolved to appoint a researcher representative to the Board. The term is one year from May 1st each year.

The intention is that the representative will represent, and effectively be nominated by, the community. The following procedure will be used for selecting the Board nominee:

- The Site Leaders, as representatives of the research community, will act as the electoral college for the community and nominate a researcher whose name the Scientific Director (SD) will forward to the Board.
- The nominee will be determined via the following steps:
 - The Scientific Director will, at the January Site Leaders' meeting, announce a call for nominations for the Researcher Representative to the Board.
 - Each site leader in consultation with her/his institution's SHARCNET research community will put forward one name. This name **cannot** be from the Site Leader's institution. The nomination should be of someone who would be effective overall in furthering the research interests of SHARCNET as a Board member (is senior, authoritative, has a grasp of SN structure and direction, is able to represent the community etc.). The person should be willing to serve if elected and if the nomination is accepted by the Board.
 - These names should be discussed at a meeting of the Site Leaders before the end of February. If a consensus can be reached in open discussion then that name will go forward. If a consensus cannot be reached then the Site Leaders will vote to elect one candidate by *single transferable vote**. The vote would be undertaken by secret email with the SHARCNET senior administrative officer (usually the Director of Finance) acting as the returning officer.
 - If a vote is needed all sites can vote even if not represented at the meeting; a consensus can be reached at a meeting, however, provided at least 2/3rds of the sites are represented.
 - If a Site Leader is nominated then that site may rank her-/himself in the normal way. NB: it is unusual for a Site Leader to also be a Board member. If a Site Leader is elected and accepted by the Board a new Site Leader will normally be appointed.
 - The SD will not vote. In the event of a tie, the SD will choose a candidate from amongst those tied.

Although the SD will not normally vote, s/he may advise the Site Leaders.

* The election by single transferable vote is to operate as follows: Each Site Leader ranks the candidates from most desired to least desired. Any candidate receiving a majority of first rank votes is elected. If no candidate receives a majority on any round, the candidate with fewest votes is eliminated and the next choice of those ballots is counted. Additional rounds, in which the candidate gaining fewest votes is removed and votes reassigned according to the above procedure, are held until one candidate receives a majority.