

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: ELECTION OF DEPUTY CONVENER

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Purpose

To notify, and summarise the process for, election of Deputy Convener.

Recommendations

To note the information below:

1. The post of Deputy Convener is vacant following departure of the previous post holder; the Board agreed in 15 October to hold the election for a new Deputy Convener in January 2011.
2. Your attention is drawn to paragraphs 4-6 of the CNPA Standing Orders which set out the process. In particular, please note:
 - a) The duration of the Deputy Convener'ship is three years.
 - b) Nominations will be taken at the meeting. Any Member may, at the meeting, propose another NPA Member for the post of Deputy Convener, and there must be a seconder.
 - c) Election is by absolute majority; if more than 3 candidates, the process involves rounds of voting after each of which the candidate with the lowest number of votes is excluded.
 - d) The current Convener'ship runs until 7 September 2012.
3. The time input of the Deputy Convener, and the basis for payment, was agreed by the Board in 2003 as 4 days a month, as is the case for the Convener of the Planning Committee. Members are paid on the basis of 3 days a month, so the Deputy Convener would receive an additional day's pay for the duties that go with the post.

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