



Volunteers

The lifeblood of our Society



It may only be September, but our minds are already turning towards the membership of our ASSA Council in 2026. Will you consider volunteering some of your time and expertise to take up a role on Council?

Everything the Society does is done by volunteers! Our volunteers, whether they are members of Council and ASSA sub-committees, coordinators of programs and special interest groups, or members who help at public star parties and outreach events, all work together so that ASSA engages effectively with members and the public on all things astronomical.

New people to the Council team bring fresh ideas and new energy. If you're not sure about your skills or you're new to the role, other members of Council are there to help you.

Follow the links to download a nomination form and we hope to hear from you soon!

Gerhard Velaitis
ASSA President

Nominations for ASSA Council Positions 2025

Nominations for all Council positions (except the President, who is elected by Council) must be received by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary no later than Wednesday, 1 October 2025



All Council Positions

Vice President

The Vice President contributes to key activities in the Society, and in the absence of the President chairs meetings.

Secretary

The Secretary maintains records relating to the business of the Society; manages correspondence; responds to general queries from members and the public; assists the President with the organisation of Council meetings; and generally acts under the instructions of the Council.

Treasurer

The Treasurer, as operator of ASSA's bank accounts, receives all monies due to the Society. Duties include keeping accounts; making payments; preparing accounts and balance sheets; and providing fiscal reports to Council.

Communications Officer

The Communications Officer maintains the primary source of information for dissemination to members and the public through ASSA's various media channels. This includes the creation and distribution of email broadcasts to members.

Bulletin Officer

The Bulletin Officer is responsible for the production and publication of ASSA's monthly publication of The Bulletin.

Website Officer

The Website Officer is responsible for the development, management, and maintenance of the Society's website. This includes the timely publication of relevant content to the website.

Membership Officer

The Membership Officer maintains membership records; responds to membership enquiries; provides membership reports to the Council; and helps to support the needs of new members. They will maintain and distribute membership forms and information brochures at meetings and events.

Astronomy Outreach Officer

The Astronomy Outreach Officer is responsible for the management and co-ordination of all the Society's outreach events and activities. The Outreach Officer also provides reports on all events to the Council.

Astronomy Education Officer

The Astronomy Education Officer is responsible for the development and delivery of astronomy education content, including practical guidance for amateur astronomers, to educate both members and the public at large.

Facilities and Observing Sites Officer

The Facilities and Observing Sites Officer is responsible for ensuring all the Society's observing sites and facilities are maintained to appropriate safety standards, and that the equipment and capability is functional.

Digital Services Officer

The Digital Services Officer is responsible for the operation and management of the Society's digital infrastructure, including all software licenses and online security.

Young Astronomers' Officer

The Young Astronomers' Officer develops strategies and implements programs to engage and support young people interested in the science of astronomy

QUESTIONS?

Give Nicola, the Membership Officer, a call on 0408 262 111 or send an email to: secretary@assa.org.au. Remember that you can always contact the current position holders by using their contact details which are detailed in each Bulletin.

Call Nicola
0408 262 111

MORE INFORMATION about Council Positions can be found by using the QR code on the previous page or by visiting the ASSA website at:



<https://tinyurl.com/bdfxjday>
or <https://www.assa.org.au/about/council/call-for-council-position-nominations/>

A **NOMINATION FORM** is included on page 17 of the digital version of this Bulletin. It is also easy to download using the QR code or the website links above.