1. **Who may nominate for the position of Trustee of the Society?**
   Filipino citizens who are active GSP members.

2. **Who may be nominated and elected as a Trustee of the Society?**
   Filipino citizens who are active GSP members, who have paid their GSP annual dues for the year 2019.

3. **Who cannot be nominated?**
   A. Associate, honorary, and non-Filipino citizen members of the GSP
   B. CP Accreditation Committee Secretariat (Mr. Ramon N. Santos and Mr. Leonardo S. Marcelo Jr.)
   C. CP Accreditation Committee Members (Mr. George B. Baquiran, Dr. Rogel A. Santos, Mr. Joey Nelson R. Ayson, Mr. Henry R. Salvado, and Mr. Arnulfo B. Santiago)
   D. PRC Board of Geology (Dr. Benjamin S. Austria and Dr. Elmer B. Billedo)
   E. Members of the GSP COMELEC (Ms. Mia Camila U. Africa, Ms. Gaea Marie B. Rosell, and Ms. Patricia Louise B. Yambao)
   F. Volunteers of the GSP COMELEC (Mr. Mark John S. Africa, Mr. Kevin Paul G. Guillermo, and Mr. Angel Renel M. Yu)

4. **How many can a member nominate?**
   A member can submit up to three (3) nominees.

5. **What are the responsibilities of the nominating member?**
   The nominating member has the following responsibilities:
   a. Ensure that her/his nominee satisfy the criteria listed in numbers 2 and 3.
   b. Inform the nominees of their nomination.
6. **When and to whom shall the nominations be submitted?**

Nomination forms will be distributed through the GSP e-group starting **31 October 2019**. The nominating members shall send the accomplished forms to the GSP COMELEC Chairperson:

**Mia Camila Urbano Africa**: gspcomelec@gmail.com

and with the word “GSP Nomination” as subject.

The nomination period will end on **22 November 2019 at 5 p.m.**

The GSP COMELEC will send a message to the nominating member acknowledging the receipt of nomination.

7. **What is the responsibility of the Nominee?**

   a. The Nominee shall notify through email the COMELEC Chairperson on whether the nomination is either accepted or not.

   b. If the Nominee accepts the nomination, the following documents should be sent to the COMELEC Chairperson on or before **26 November 2019 at 5 p.m.**:

      - A short introduction stating personal information and a vision statement for the Society (not more than 10 sentences); and

      - Updated CV with ID-size picture which will be displayed at the COMELEC booth during the GEOCON.

      - Incomplete submission of documents prior to the deadline would lead to disqualification of the nominee.

   c. The Nominee shall wear a prominent name tag during the Geocon to introduce himself/herself to the members.

   d. Once elected, the Nominee shall commit to attend GSP meetings and actively participate in Society affairs.
8. Who is eligible to vote?
All active regular and lifetime “voting” members of the GSP during the voting period.

9. How to vote?
There will be no more manual voting during the GEOCON. Casting of votes will be done via online voting, from 29 November to 05 December 2019.

Active members should ascertain that they have updated registered personal e-mail addresses with the GSP Membership Committee. (please contact gsp.memcom@geolsocphil.org, if e-mail address needs to be updated)
Starting 29 November 2019, eligible voters will be sent an email to their registered email address with a direct link to the voting website together with their login details. E-voting stations will be set up during the GEOCON.

10. Is proxy voting allowed?
Offsite voting is highly encouraged. But proxy voting will be allowed if the active member will not be able to attend the GEOCON and he or she does not have an updated email address. An authorization letter should be submitted to the GSP Secretary, at least 2 business days prior to the GEOCON, i.e. December 2, 2019.

11. Amended Election Rules During the Transition Period
In line with the Amended GSP By-Laws (Article IV Section 1) we will now have Trustees elected for a full three (3) year term of office (Table 1). Starting in GEOCON 2019 and for the succeeding years, we shall only be electing 3 Trustees every year to replace those that have served their terms of service. The 3 elected Trustees for year 2020 will have a full 3-year term of service.

Table 1. Transition period of the GSP Board of Trustees
The outgoing Trustees are the following:

1. Betchaida D. Payot;
2. Rene Juna R. Claveria; and

12. How to resolve a tie?

In case of a tie, a coin toss will be conducted to resolve the tie.

13. What will happen if a BOT resigns during term?

In cases when a Trustee who still has an unfinished term resigns, the vacant position in the BOT shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Trustees.

The Trustee to be chosen shall come from the nominees of the previous election and priority shall be given to the nominee who garnered the next highest number of votes and willing to serve only for the unexpired term of the Trustee who resigned (as amended by the Board of Trustees and the members of the Society on 10 December 2004 & 14 December 2017).

However, if there are no willing nominees from the previous election to fill up the vacant position, then one (1) more Trustee will be elected apart from the 3 mandated Trustee positions on the next election.

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