

General Principles for AAL committee membership

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Formulated by the 2011 AAL Advisory Committee Appointments sub-committee and reviewed annually by the AAL Board.

Principles:

- Specialist skills: Ensure collective wisdom of the committee is adequate.
- Institutional diversity: aim for institutional diversity with pragmatic approach based on the needs of the committee.
- Seniority: Encourage contribution from early or mid-career astronomers with appropriate expertise, and with a view to succession planning.
- Proportion of females: At least two women on each committee and at least 25% female representation averaged across all committees.
- Ex-officio: are voting members.
- Number of members: minimum of 7, recommended 8 – 10 with pragmatic approach based on needs of committee.
- Terms of office: 2 years.