

**From:** [Scott Allen Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Ruth Bastow](#)  
**Subject:** Re: DivSeek Steering Committee – call for nominations  
**Date:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:38:48 AM

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In that case, since I'm the only one from UGA, I'll nominate myself:) -scott

On Feb 12, 2015, at 3:10 AM, Ruth Bastow <[ruth@globalplantcouncil.org](mailto:ruth@globalplantcouncil.org)> wrote:

Yes sorry about that.

However that doesn't mean that you can't convince other to self nominate....

Ruth

On 12 Feb 2015, at 02:06, Scott Allen Jackson <[sjackson@uga.edu](mailto:sjackson@uga.edu)> wrote:

Ruth, can we only nominate for our respective institutions? -scott

On Feb 11, 2015, at 4:37 PM, Ruth Bastow <[ruth@globalplantcouncil.org](mailto:ruth@globalplantcouncil.org)> wrote:

Dear Scott

I am contacting you on behalf of the DivSeek Joint Facilitation Unit regarding the nomination and election process for the **DivSeek Steering Committee**.

UGA is a partner in the DivSeek Initiative, and you kindly attended the DivSeek Partner Assembly in San Diego on the 9 January 2015. As you are aware during the assembly all the DivSeek partners present at the assembly, accepted the DivSeek Charter (attached).

As set forth in the Charter, the Steering Committee is composed of **eight (8)** representatives of Partner organizations - preferably from different regions, types of organizations and categories of expertise – in addition to the Chairperson of the Assembly.

The Steering Committee provides an **active link to the community** that underpins the DivSeek Initiative. It plays a key role in ensuring that DivSeek meets its **strategic objectives**, as outlined at the Partners' Assembly. The Committee works with the Joint Facilitation Unit to develop an annual work plan. It meets twice a year, and may also have additional Skype/phone calls in between meetings. The functions of

the Steering Committee as outlined in the Charter (attached) are:

To prepare the agenda for the Assembly;

To provide inputs and eventually endorse the draft DivSeek annual work plan and the draft budget of the Joint Facilitation Unit, accompanied by a resource mobilization plan, and the annual progress report;

To periodically collect information about interactions among Partners and convey such information to the Assembly;

To advise the Assembly on the strategic direction of activities and projects associated with DivSeek;

To work with the Joint Facilitation Unit to prepare and present information and updates on DivSeek for the constituencies and governing bodies of the institutions providing the Joint Facilitation Unit.

The process for nominations and selection of the Steering Committee by DivSeek Partners is outlined below

As usual, please do not hesitate to ask the Joint Facilitation unit for any clarification we may provide.

Kind regards,

Ruth Bastow

(on behalf of the Joint Facilitation Unit)

<DivSeek Charter.pdf>

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## **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS**

The call for **nominations** is open from today until **20 February**.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATIONS

Please forward names, partner organization and **short bios** of nominees, indicating areas of expertise, to the following email addresses:

[ruth.bastow@divseek.org](mailto:ruth.bastow@divseek.org)

[daniele.manzella@divseek.org](mailto:daniele.manzella@divseek.org)

[peter.wenzl@divseek.org](mailto:peter.wenzl@divseek.org)

Only one nomination per Partner organization can be accepted. Self-nominations are accepted, on the understanding that the candidate has the endorsement of the Partner organisation.

Organizations that previously submitted nominations for the Assembly in San Diego are kindly requested to **re-submit** the nominations, if they so wish.

## ELECTION

On February 25th, you will receive an electronic form with the list of nominated candidates and will be asked to rank your top candidates. The deadline for returning the form will be March 6th. Ruth Bastow ([ruth@globalplantcouncil.org](mailto:ruth@globalplantcouncil.org)), member of the DivSeek Facilitation Unit, will be in charge of collecting the forms and processing the results.

The Chairperson of the Assembly will then confirm the willingness of the elected candidates to serve and communicate the final composition of the Steering Committee to DivSeek Partners.