

UNC User Representative Elections - Looking ahead to 2017

This note is to update Panel on the path to 2017 Elections; a broad timeline of event is shown below.

November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-consultation with SPoCs (see overleaf)• Panel awareness
December 17 – January 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JO to develop views into consultation document
February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry consultation
March 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JO Update “Guidelines for the UNC Shipper Representative Appointment Process”• <i>Is Panel Approval required?</i>
April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised process documentation and timeline communicated to the industry
June 2017 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JO operates the process

UNC User Representative Elections 2016 – SPoC Review email

Thank you for agreeing to be the Single Point of Contact (or alternate) for the recent Elections. Your support and timely actions were much appreciated and the process was relatively successful.

You will be aware that 2016 was the first year the JO operated the Election process for Panel, UNCC and its sub-committees. We committed to adding transparency whilst adopting much of the process we inherited from The Gas Forum, and this proved an effective strategy.

The number of SPoCs registering to vote was much higher than in recent years, which was a hugely encouraging sign, though ultimately this did not fully translate into an excess of candidates and only one election was required in the end. Several committees are not fully represented. We believe that having the broadest possible interest and participation in UNC matters is good for the industry as a whole; it relieves some of the pressure on the relatively few people who do provide a lot of their time; and it *demonstrates* effective governance.

We intend to consult widely on the improvements that could be made for the 2017 Election process and, as an input to this, we would appreciate your feedback on how the process ran for you this year. We want to keep this simple and make it as easy as possible for you to feedback; please find below a few topics, along with prompts that are intended to focus your views, along with the usual catchall at the end for anything else you would like to share with us. Please simply reply to this email and put your views in the spaces provided below each question **by 5pm on Friday 18 November 2016**.

We expect to issue a wider consultation, which will cover what you tell us and some of our own views, early in 2017 such that a revised process can be settled in good time for next year's elections.

SPoC VIEWS ON 2016 ELECTION PROCESS

1. **Timeline:** Was there too much or too little time to action things effectively? (timeline here: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/elections>)

2. **Process:** Was it clear what was happening? What you needed to do? Was the paperwork user-friendly?

3. **Communications:** Were the JO's emails clear? Timely? Anything missing?

4. **Anything else:** Are there any other comments or suggestions to improve the whole process you'd like to make?