

NAS Fellowship Scheme Nomination Process

What is the Purpose of the NAS Fellowship Scheme?

The NAS Fellowship is instituted to recognise the achievement of Members of the Society who have contributed substantially over a sustained period to the running of the Society and its activities and are committed to its principles. Its purpose is also to encourage others to aspire to such achievements.

Who is eligible for nomination as an NAS Fellow?

All current members of the Society who fulfil one or more of the following criteria are eligible to be nominated as Fellows of the NAS:

- Those who have completed all stages of the NAS training syllabus and been involved regularly and continuously with the Society's training programme or projects for over seven years.
- NAS tutors who have completed the NAS tutor training and run courses regularly and continuously for over seven years.
- Those who have made other long term pro-active contributions to the Society's work over seven years or more (e.g. as officers and chairs of subcommittees or organisers and leaders of major activities and projects carried out under the auspices of the Society).
- Past contributions by currently less active members shall contribute to making them eligible.

The NAS Fellowship is strictly limited to substantial proactive involvement and work for the Society, NOT a general recognition of people's contribution to nautical archaeology more generally.

What are the benefits of NAS Fellowship?

The NAS Fellowship is essentially honorific and shall not constitute an additional category of statutory or non-statutory membership nor shall it entail additional subscription or discounts, but runs with membership of the NAS (i.e. it lapses if membership is not maintained but may be resumed automatically if membership is renewed). NAS Fellows will be entitled to purchase an NAS Fellowship lapel badge (Cost: £20.00). The Executive Committee shall from time to time consider the desirability of holding occasional free or paid-for social events or excursions organised by Fellows, or other incentives to help encourage members to aspire to the NAS Fellowship through their proactive involvement and work for the Society.

What is the procedure for nomination and award of Fellowships?

The awarding of Fellowships will take place annually at the NAS AGM and conference in early November each year. The procedure is as follows:

- In all cases nominations must be made using the standard form requiring the nominee's eligibility to be demonstrated and supported by another NAS member acting as nominator.
- All nominees shall sign the nomination form confirming their willingness to be nominated and to abide by the NAS Statement of Principles.



- Nomination forms must be sent in to the NAS Office by close of business on the 31st August, so as to enable staff to compile a list of nominees for approval by the NAS Executive Committee at their autumn meeting.
- The List of Fellowships approved by the NAS Executive Committee will be circulated in advance with the AGM papers (the AGM normally being held with the NAS Annual Conference in November)
- At the AGM the Fellowships will be announced and publicly awarded if the recipient is present.

Can a member be removed from the list of NAS Fellows?

The Executive Committee shall have discretion to remove a member from the list of Fellows of the Society. To remove a member from the list of Fellows an application in writing, signed by at least three members of the Society, may be submitted at any time to the Honorary Secretary for the consideration of the Executive Committee. Such application shall state the reasons for such application and shall only be admissible on clear evidence that the candidate had breached the NAS Statement of Principles or was ineligible in some other way. A copy of the application must also be supplied by registered post to the Fellow in respect of which the application is made and that person shall be afforded the opportunity to make written representations to the Executive Committee. It will be within the discretion of the Executive Committee to appoint a person to investigate the circumstances surrounding the application and to present a written report to the Executive Committee. Both the applicants and the Fellow in respect of which the application is made shall be supplied with a copy of any written report and shall be afforded the opportunity to make written representations thereon.

Is there a right of appeal before removal?

A person who is subject to removal of the honour shall have the right of appeal. The appeal shall be conducted by a person who is not a current member of the Executive Committee but who has a long standing relationship with the Society and a commitment to its principles. If an appeal is requested, the Chair of the Society shall be responsible for appointing the person to conduct the appeal. Both the individual whose fellowship is subject to removal and the Executive Committee shall have the opportunity to present their case in the process of the appeal.

