

METALLURGICAL AND MATERIALS TRANSACTIONS **JOINT COMMISSION BYLAWS**

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the *Metallurgical and Materials Transactions* Joint Commission is to help guide the editorial scope and direction of the two journals, to help determine appropriate strategy to address specific issues facing the journals, and to assist the Editors-in-Chief in key journal decisions.

Responsibilities

The scope of the Joint Commission's responsibilities includes but is not limited to the following:

- Helps to guide the editorial direction of the journals and helps to ensure that the scope covers both current and emerging technologies to continually maintain the competitive position of the journals and to attract the best articles written in the field.
- Helps to guide the strategic development of the journals and offers recommendations relative to the editorial framework and scope of the journals to meet their mission and vision.
- Provides advice to the Principal Editor in key interests such as acceptance/rejection rates, peer review protocol, time to publication, and classification of articles.
- Provides oversight to ensure that high quality technical content standards and best practices in scholarly journal publishing are established and maintained.
- Helps to ensure that the content of the journals is representative of metallurgical and materials science and engineering interests from all areas of the world.
- Monitors the strategic position of the journals relative to other journals in the field.

Membership

The Joint Commission is composed of eight members:

- three members appointed by ASM International (ASM)
- three members appointed by The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS)
- one Joint Manager staff representative for ASM
- one Joint Manager staff representative for TMS

The Chair of the Joint Commission shall be one of the six appointed members and shall rotate Societies each year. If a vacancy occurs on the Joint Commission, the appropriate organization shall designate a replacement as soon as possible.

Term of Office

1. Chair: 1 year
2. Appointed member: 3 years

Joint Commission members will serve no more than two terms—consecutive or staggered—and no more than 6 years total.

Meeting Schedule

The Joint Commission will meet at least twice yearly, either in person or via teleconference. Additional meetings may be called as needed.