Election of BMA Treasurer

Information For Candidates

1. Introduction

The current term of office of the treasurer will conclude at the end of the 2019 ARM. Any member of the Association may stand in the election.

Bye-law 50 states that the treasurer shall be elected by STV at an Annual Representative Meeting and shall have a three-year term of office. The ARM standing orders state that all members of the representative body may vote in the election.

(ARG standing order 3 (ii): “In elections for the BMA president, the chair and the deputy chair of the representative body, and the treasurer, all members of the representative body specified by bye-law 29, whether voting or non-voting, may vote.”)

2. Nomination and election procedure

Candidates may self-nominate by completing the application form. Candidates must be members of the Association and demonstrate on the application form how they meet the requirements of the role profile.

Members are permitted to copy a recent passport sized photo of themselves on to their application form.

Nominations opened via advertisements in the British Medical Journal and on the BMA’s website on 22 March 2019 and will close at 12 noon on Friday 19 April 2019.

The BMA appointments oversight subcommittee will consider the nominations and make a recommendation as to the suitability of candidates for election as treasurer. If the candidate is not considered suitable for election, the subcommittee will state “does not meet the criteria for appointment as specified in paragraph x of the role profile.” A note on the candidates’ suitability will be circulated with the candidate information distributed with the ARM papers to reps. If the subcommittee does not believe a member has completed the form correctly or provided sufficient information to be able to make a decision this will be stated on a note circulated with the candidate information.

Information which the candidates supply about themselves on the application form will be sent, on Friday 24 May 2019, to members of the representative body with the agenda for the meeting. The election will take place at the ARM on 24/25 June 2019. Ballot papers will be circulated electronically at the meeting and voting will open at 3.00pm on Monday 24 June and close at 9.30am on Tuesday 25 June.

Candidates must be available to make a five minute address to support their nomination at the ARM at 2pm on Monday 24 June 2019. There is also the option of recording a five minute podcast by contacting msaywell@bma.org.uk by the 10 May 2019. The podcast will be in the form of a set of questions to be determined by the returning officer.
Members are not permitted to use BMA resources to canvass and should not send unsolicited communications to members.

The votes will be counted by electoral reform services and the results will be announced on Tuesday 25 June 2019.

3. How to apply

Please complete the application form and return it to Sally-Ann Cole, email: scole@bma.org.uk by 12 noon on Friday 19 April 2019. Forms longer than six sides of A4 will not be accepted and consequently the application will not be accepted. The form will be sent in the manner in which it is received and no amendments may be made to the nomination after the above closing date. For any questions about the role or process please contact Chaand Nagpaul, Chair of Council e-mail: CNagpaul@bma.org.uk

Memorandum of Understanding Letters

The elections memorandum of understanding will apply to all committee members and posts in the BMA. Candidates for election to posts will be asked to declare that they have read the memorandum of understanding when submitting their nominations.

The BMA can only function with the contributions of those members who seek election as representatives. Thank you for making the commitment to help represent your colleagues. In order that elected BMA representatives can work together effectively the following principles are important.

- When you are speaking to or communicating in the broadcast, print or social media as an elected BMA representative, or are identified as such, you must honestly represent the views of the BMA.
- When speaking in a personal capacity you must explicitly ask not to be identified as an elected BMA representative.
- Committee officers must coordinate media engagements with the press office.
- You must declare conflicts of interest to your committee chair / committee secretary as appropriate.
- You must uphold the confidentiality of your committee when requested. If in doubt, ask the chair of the committee.
- As a member of the medical profession and as an elected representative, you must behave in a professional manner at all times. Robust debate is sometimes essential in forming policy, but you must always treat patients, colleagues and staff with respect.
- In standing for election you agree to uphold these principles.