Conference of England LMCs 2018 elections

Elections at LMC England conference are changing.

Online elections
This year, elections will take place using the BMA’s online election system. This system has been successfully used at other BMA conferences and for the majority of BMA national committee elections.

The advantages of the system are clear:
- Staff can obtain the election results within minutes of voting closing. This means the results of all elections can be announced on the day of the conference.
- Much less resources are used, as there is no need to print off ballot papers or nomination forms.
- Significantly reduced risk of error, as nominations and voting will close automatically and all candidate information for the ballot is submitted directly by the candidate online.

How to take part
When nominations open, eligible representatives may nominate themselves using the following link: https://elections.bma.org.uk.

To take part in elections you must have a BMA website account. This can be created using the following link: https://www.bma.org.uk/about-us/website-help/website-registration. You do not need to be a BMA member to create a BMA website account.

It is strongly recommended that representatives obtain a BMA website account in advance of conference to ensure there are no complications on the day.

The online election system is easily accessible through smartphones, tablets and desktop computers and the BMA provides voting stands at conferences to ensure that all delegates are able to take part in the election process. Push notifications will be sent via the conference app on the day of the conference to remind attendees of the various deadlines. This will allow representatives to nominate themselves in advance of the conference as well as on the day.

If you require assistance on the day, please visit the registration desk or email elections@bma.org.uk.

Positions elected at conference
The following roles are elected at conference:
- Chair of LMC England conference 2019
- Deputy chair of LMC England conference 2019
- Five members of the LMC England conference agenda committee 2019

Eligibility
All members of conference are eligible to stand vote. At the time of election, only one member elected to the conference agenda committee may also be a member of the general practitioners committee.
Election timetable
Nominations for all positions will open at 12pm Friday 16 November 2018.

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Election methodology
All elections at conference will take place using Single Transferable Vote (STV), as has been the case for several years.

STV is a form of proportional representation where you rank the candidates in constituencies that elect multiple MPs.

Candidates don't need a majority of votes to be elected, just a known 'quota', or share of the votes, determined by the size of the electorate and the number of positions to be filled.

Each voter gets one vote, which can transfer from their first-preference to their second-preference, so if your preferred candidate has no chance of being elected or has enough votes already, your vote is transferred to another candidate in accordance with your instructions. STV thus ensures that very few votes are wasted, unlike other systems, especially First Past the Post, where only a small number of votes actually contribute to the result.

If you have any further questions about the election process, please contact elections@bma.org.uk.