UK council Occupational Medicine by-election 2021

Nominations for the election to BMA council of one member for the Occupational medicine seat are now open.

About BMA Council

The BMA is a trade union and Council is its principal executive committee. Council sets the strategic direction of the BMA, in line with policy decided by at the annual representative meeting.

It is responsible for the formulation of policy throughout the year between ARMs and for ensuring the implementation of that policy.

It normally meets six times in the year usually in BMA House in London or virtually, from 10am to 5pm.

Council currently consists of 57 voting members along with a number of ex-officio members.

Information for candidates

Nominations will open from 10 May 2021 until 4pm 24 May 2021.

To apply you must be a BMA member in the occupational medicine branch of practice. The definition for occupational medicine is as follows:

*Doctors holding appointments as accredited specialists in occupational medicine.*

You must also read our information for candidates and memorandum of understanding before applying. As a voting member of council you would serve until the end of the 2021-2022 session and be bound by the BMA code of conduct.

Make a nomination

You can only nominate yourself on the Civica online nominations system https://www.cesvotes.com/bmanoms21 for the council elections

To make your nomination, you’ll need to do the following:

- Enter your basic personal and contact details.
- Add a brief message that highlights why you’re a suitable candidate, and a longer electoral statement that shows how your ideas, philosophy and experience will help you bring about change and improvements in the areas that interest you and which will benefit the BMA and other fellow members. Both
will be share publicly by the BMA on our website, in BMA News and in other media.

- Add a photo (optional)
- Make the appropriate declarations

Your electoral zone and branch of practice will be determined by the details you have registered with the BMA at the time nominations opened on the 10 May 2021. Contact us to update your details or email membership@bma.org.uk to make sure you are correctly listed. You can also update your details online.

Nomination forms that are not properly completed and submitted will be considered invalid. It is your responsibility to make sure your form is correct and complete. Amendments to forms will not be permitted after the close of nominations.

If you have any problems completing or submitting your form please contact Elin Hearn at Civica on Elin.Hearn@civica.co.uk | 020 8829 8473

**The elections process**

Nominations will close at 4pm on the 24 May 2021 with ballot papers sent out on the week commencing 7 June 2021. The poll closes 5 pm 21 June 2021.

Read the full articles and bye-laws governing the BMA’s election process.