Chair – Board of Science eligibility criteria

The board of science (BoS) is a BMA standing committee, which acts on behalf of council on scientific matters specifically relating to the health of the public (both health promotion and health protection). The board commissions work on a diverse range of topics including alcohol, tobacco, obesity, mental health, prescribed drugs, and climate change, and is committed to the promotion of the medical and allied sciences.

BoS chair role and responsibilities

- Chairing BoS meetings (three per session)
- Chairing ad hoc meetings to progress the board’s work (including internal as well as external meetings such as roundtables, discussion events, etc.)
- Providing direction to the secretariat on policy matters related to the board
- Making decisions on behalf of the board (as appropriate)
- Attending and reporting to the ARM, specifically overseeing the debates on ‘science, health and society’ and chairing the Victor Horsley scientific lectures
- Attending council meetings, and reporting to council on BoS matters (as appropriate);
- Raising the profile of the professional work of the BMA
- Representing the association at a wide range of external meetings on scientific matters relating to health promotion and health protection

The role may also involve contributing to media communications, as appropriate.

The chair ensures that the board:

- Functions effectively and has objectives
- Develops a business plan
- Sees full and balanced participation from members at meetings
- Discusses relevant matters
- Makes effective decisions and takes action to implement them

Eligibility criteria

In order to be successful in the nominations process for the board of science chair, nominees must be members of the BMA. They will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Basic understanding of BMA functions and structures
- Established track record of leading and chairing committees
- Demonstrated experience of advising on policy areas which are relevant to the science of medicine and public health issues
- Demonstrated experience or understanding of developing scientific and medical research
- Established track record of publishing scientific and medical papers

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Please note that the new chair will also be expected to attend the two latter BoS meetings of the session, which are currently scheduled for Thursday 3 February 2022 and Tuesday 10 May 2022.