

STANDING ORDERS

AGENDA COMMITTEE TO BE PROPOSED BY THE DEPUTY CHAIR: That conference accepts the following amendments to the standing orders as below:

1. Standing order 3 to be amended to read:
 3. The members of conference shall be:
 - 3.1 the chair and deputy chair of the conference
 - 3.2 365 representatives of local medical committees
 - 3.3 the voting members of GPC UK
 - 3.4 9 members appointed by the Scottish GPC
 - 3.5 3 members appointed by the Welsh GPC
 - 3.6 2 members appointed by the GPC (Northern Ireland)
 - 3.7 2 members appointed by GPC England
 - 3.8 the seven elected members of the conference agenda committee (agenda committee)
 - 3.9 the regionally elected representatives of the GP ~~trainees~~**registrars** committee, together with its immediate past chair
 - 3.10 the elected members of the sessional GPs committee
 - 3.11 the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales nation LMC conferences
 - 3.12 the Chair of GPDF or their nominated deputy, who must be a registered medical practitioner.
2. Standing order 17 to be amended to read:
 17. The agenda shall include:
 - 17.1 motions, amendments and riders submitted by the GPC UK, and any local medical committee. These shall fall within the remit of the GPC, which is to deal with all matters affecting medical practitioners providing and/or performing primary medical services under the National Health Service Act 1977 and/or the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 and/or the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and any Acts or Orders amending or consolidating the same and as from time to time extended to all or any part of the United Kingdom
 - 17.2 motions, amendments and riders connected with NHS general practice from constituencies of the British Medical Association's representative body, or one of the other craft conferences convened by a standing committee of the BMA, referred by the BMA's joint agenda committee
 - 17.3 motions passed at national LMC conferences and submitted by their **respective chairmen chairs**
 - 17.4 motions relating to the Cameron fund, Claire Wand fund and the Dain fund
 - 17.5 motions submitted by the agenda committee in respect of organisational issues only
 - 17.6 motions relating to GPDF.
3. Standing order 66 to be amended to read:
 66. Chair
 - 66.1 At each conference, a chair shall be elected by the members of the conference to hold office from the termination of the BMA's annual

representative meeting (ARM) until the end of the next ARM. With the exception of those appointed under standing order 3.7, all members of the conference shall be eligible for nomination.

66.2 Where the chair demits office midterm, an election shall be held as soon as practical to elect a new chair. Except for those appointed under standing order 3.7, all members of the conference shall be eligible for nomination. All members of the conference are eligible to vote in the election. The new chair will assume office straight away and hold office until the end of the next ARM.

66.23 Nominations must be ~~handed in~~ **submitted** on the prescribed form before the time indicated in the ~~Agenda of the conference~~ **notice of election** with any election to be completed by the time indicated in the ~~Agenda~~ **notice of election**. Nominees may enter on the form an election statement of no more than 100 words, excluding numbers and dates in numerical format; to be reproduced on the voting papers. Recognised abbreviations count as one word.

4. Standing order 67 to be amended to read:

67. Deputy chair

67.1 At each conference, a deputy chair shall be elected by the members of the conference to hold office from the termination of the ARM until the termination of the next ARM. With the exception of those appointed under standing order 3.7, all members of the conference shall be eligible for nomination.

67.2 Where the deputy chair demits office midterm, an election shall be held as soon as practical to elect a new deputy chair. Except for those appointed under standing order 3.7, all members of the conference shall be eligible for nomination. All members of the conference are eligible to vote in the election. The new deputy chair will assume office straight away and hold office until the end of the next ARM.

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5. Standing order 68 to be amended to read:

68. ~~Seven~~**Eight** members of the General Practitioners Committee UK

68.1 For six of the seats, any registered medical practitioner whose exclusive or predominant medical commitment is to providing personally or performing NHS primary medical services for at least two sessions a week, whether a member of the conference or not, is eligible for nomination providing that such a level of commitment has been maintained for at least the period of the six months immediately prior to the election, allowing for any parental, sickness or study leave absence. All GPs on the retention scheme, and medically qualified LMC secretaries, are eligible for nomination regardless of their level of commitment to providing or performing NHS primary medical services.

68.2 For the seventh seat, only an LMC representative at conference may be nominated, and that LMC representative must never have previously sat on the GPC UK. This LMC representative must also be a registered medical practitioner whose exclusive or predominant medical commitment is to providing personally or performing NHS primary medical services for at least

two sessions a week, providing that such a level of commitment has been maintained for at least the period of the six months immediately prior to the election, allowing for any parental, sickness or study leave absence. ~~The members elected will serve on the GPC from the conclusion of the following ARM until the conclusion of the ARM one year thereafter.~~

- 68.3 For the eighth seat, only an LMC representative at conference may be nominated, and that LMC representative must have completed GP training within 5 years of the election. This LMC representative must also be a registered medical practitioner whose exclusive or predominant medical commitment is to providing personally or performing NHS primary medical services for at least two sessions a week, providing that such a level of commitment has been maintained for at least the period of the six months immediately prior to the election, allowing for any parental, sickness or study leave absence.**
- 68.4** The members elected will serve on the GPC from the conclusion of the following ARM until the conclusion of the ARM one year thereafter
- 68.25** Only representatives shall be entitled to vote.
- 68.36** Nominations, election statements and photographs must be received by the GPC office seven working days before the start of the conference.
- 68.47** Nominees may submit an election statement of no more than 100 words, excluding numbers and dates in numerical format, in a manner and format which will be specified by the Agenda Committee (that format being specified one calendar month before the start of conference). Recognised abbreviations count as one word.
- 68.58** Nominees may also submit a photograph in a format specified by the Agenda Committee (that format being specified one calendar month before the start of conference).
- 68.69** All nominees shall have the opportunity to take part in any hustings arranged by the agenda committee.
- 68.710** All lists of candidates, in whatever format, shall be in random order.
- 68.811-** Elections, if any, will take place at conference and be completed by the time indicated in the Agenda.
- 68.912** The GPC UK shall be empowered to fill casual vacancies occurring among the elected members.

6. Standing order 70 to be amended to read:

70. The representatives allocated to represent general practice at the BMA Annual Representative Meeting shall be members of the BMA both at the time of their annual appointment/election and throughout their term of office and shall comprise:
- 70.1 the chair and deputy chair of conference, if eligible
- 70.2 the chair of the GPC UK, if eligible
- 70.3 sufficient members of conference to fill the allocation of seats, elected on a ~~regional~~ **four-nation** basis ~~in advance of conference~~ by those members of the conference who are members of the BMA
- 70.4 should there be vacancies after the regional elections these shall be filled by the GPC UK from the unsuccessful candidates standing in those elections.