Nominations for Academy of Medical Sciences Council – guidance notes 2020

About Council

Council plays a fundamental role in the governance and decision-making of the Academy, overseeing our strategic plan 2017-2021 and directing affairs accordingly, electing Honorary Officers, and guiding the organisation on how it should respond to key issues and events.

The fact that a majority of Council members are elected by our 1300 Fellows gives Council the mandate to speak on behalf of the Fellowship. The Academy is therefore keen to ensure that Council reflects the increasing breadth and diversity of the Fellowship and has recently established a Nominations Committee to oversee this process.

Further points to note about Council include:

- Council are the Trustees of the Academy as a registered charity
- Council is collectively responsible for the policy and management of the Academy in accordance with charity legislation.
- Council directs the policy of the Academy and manages all matters concerning Academy business, delegating the management of such business to the Officers, employees or external advisers, as it sees fit.
- Council members serve the Academy in a personal capacity and not as representatives of their affiliated institutions.
- In order to promote transparency it is Academy policy to collect, maintain and publish a Register of Interests for its Trustees. Council members are required to complete an annual Declaration of Interests form and update this as necessary during their term of office.
- The Academy records diversity data for all its main decision-making committees and is committed to publishing this openly each year on our website. A current breakdown of diversity data for Council is detailed below.
- Council meets 5 times a year.
- For further information about any aspect of the Council's role and functions, Fellows are invited to contact Simon Denegri the Executive Director (simon.denegri@acmedsci.ac.uk).

The 2020 election

- All Ordinary Fellows of the Academy are eligible to stand for election to the Academy's Council with the proviso that, should they have previously served on Council, at least one calendar year must have passed since they ceased to hold office.
- Nominees must have been approached by the nominators and have expressed a willingness and ability to serve on Council if elected. They must be aware that, if elected, they will take on the responsibilities of Trustees of the Academy of Medical Sciences under the Charities Act.
- Nominations for Council must be supported by **three Fellows** and accompanied by a personal statement from the candidate in support of the nomination. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

- Ordinary Council Members will serve for a period of three years.
- **Three** new Council Members will be appointed via this year's election.
- The closing date for receipt of nominations is **17.00 Monday 14 September 2020**.
- The election will take place via a digital voting platform, administered by Civica Election Services. Fellows will receive their voting packs by email.
- Voting materials will include photos and candidate statements and will be circulated in early October.
- The deadline for voting will be **17:00 on Monday 9 November 2020**.
- The single transferable voting system will be used to determine the outcome of the election; the ballot will be counted on **Tuesday 10 November 2020**.
- The results of the election will be announced in **December 2020**.
- Incoming Council members will be provided with full induction following the February 2021 Council meeting.

Dates and times of Council meetings 2021 (to be confirmed)

Dates for the 2021 Council Meetings are approximate (pending confirmation of availability for the next Academy President elected this October).

>Thursday 11 February 2021
>Thursday 15 April 2021
>Thursday 17 June 2021
>Thursday 14 October 2021
>Tuesday 7 December 2021

All meetings start at 10.30, unless otherwise notified. Meetings last approximately 2.5 hours.

Meetings are currently being held on a virtual platform (Zoom). We anticipate that this will continue into 2021, after which we will maintain either a virtual or hybrid virtual/physical meeting format to facilitate full regional participation.

Council members 2020

Honorary Officers and Ordinary members of Council retiring at the Annual Fellows' Meeting in December 2020 are shown in bold.

Honorary Officers
- **[Professor Sir Robert Lechler PMedSci](President)** (President)
- [Professor Paul Stewart FMedSci](Vice-President, Clinical) (Vice-President, Clinical)
- [Professor Michael Malim FRS FMedSci] (Vice-President, Non-clinical)
- [Professor Dame Anne Johnson FMedSci] (Vice-President, International)
- [Professor Philippa Saunders FRSE FMedSci] (Registrar)
- [Professor Ed Bullmore FMedSci] (Treasurer)

Ordinary Members
- [Professor Frances Brodsky FMedSci](#)
- **[Professor Dame Jessica Corner FMedSci](#)**
- **[Professor Hilary Critchley FRSE FMedSci](#)**
- [Professor Dame Anna Dominiczak FRSE FMedSci](#)
- [Professor Michael Hanna FMedSci](#)
- [Professor David Lomas FMedSci](#)
- [Professor Patrick Maxwell FMedSci](#)
- [Professor David Webb FMedSci](#)
- **[Professor Julie Williams CBE FMedSci FLSW](#)**

Co-opted Members 2020
- [Dr Rabinder Prinjha FMedSci](#)
- [Professor Dame Margaret Whitehead FMedSci](#)

Diversity breakdown of Council

There are currently 17 people on Council, of which 13 people are remaining for 2021. Please note the election of the next President is dealt with in a separate process, however the post has been included in those rotating for the purpose of the diversity monitoring below.

Gender:
- Currently: 9 men, 8 women
- Of which are remaining for 2021: 8 men, 5 women

Ethnicity:
- Currently: 15 white, 1 Asian Indian, 1 not known
- Of which are remaining for 2021: 11 white, 1 Asian Indian, 1 not known
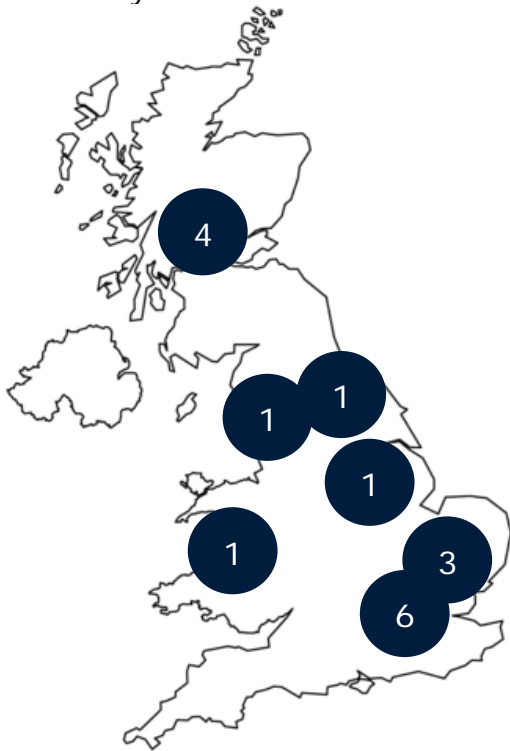
Disability:
- Currently: 15 no disability declared, 1 prefer not to say, 1 not known
- Of which are remaining for 2021: 11 no disability declared, 1 prefer not to say, 1 not known

Clinical/non-clinical:
- Currently: 12 clinical, 5 non-clinical
- Of which are remaining for 2021: 9 clinical, 4 non-clinical

Regional distribution:

Currently:

Remaining for 2021: