



Vice President Training

Role Description

Term of Office: 3 years, following 1 year in Elect position

Context

The British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) is a membership organisation with charitable status. The Vice President Clinical Standards is a Trustee of the Society and a member of the BCS Board, Executive and Council. The BCS Board of Trustees has oversight of the legal context and governance of the Society, setting and approving the strategy of the Society. The Executive implements the strategy and develops the operational policy. The Council addresses policy matters relating to the stakeholders of the BCS. All are chaired by the President.

The BCS is two years through its [5 year strategic plan](#). It has an on-going vision to provide high quality education targeting all clinicians and healthcare professionals, and to promote research in cardiovascular medicine in the UK in partnership with stakeholders. The BCS is the voice for all those working in the fields of cardiovascular care and research in the UK; we aim to represent and support both the professionals who work in cardiology and the patients for whom we want to encourage the best possible treatment. Our mission includes setting standards of clinical excellence for the benefit of patients and to be the primary source of professional advice and advocacy in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Responsibilities

General

As a Trustee of the British Cardiovascular Society the President, all Vice Presidents and the Honorary Secretary are, along with the non-executive Trustees, responsible for ensuring the effective performance of the BCS and that the BCS meets its legal obligations.

All Trustees are expected to:

- work in partnership with other Trustees and the Executive Group to achieve the objectives of the BCS
- act as high level representatives for the BCS

Each Trustee is an equal member of the Board and has the same responsibility as the other trustees for the success of the organisation for delivering to its core purposes, values and mission and ensuring that there is compliance with its charitable status.

Specifics

The Vice President Training will take responsibility for the strategic development of the cardiovascular training of doctors and other health care professionals who work within the disciplines represented by the British Cardiovascular Society and its Affiliated Societies. They should lead for the Society on all training issues and liaise closely with the Vice President for Education and Research. They should have extensive experience working in the SAC and will be expected to stand for the chairmanship of the SAC.

The Vice-President for Training will:

- Set the agenda for, and chair, the Training Committee
- Attend BCS meetings (internal and external), as required, to explore and deliver the training agenda
- Work closely with the Cardiology SAC and the Joint Royal Colleges Postgraduate Training Board (JRCPTB)
- Attend and participate in the Royal College of Physicians Cardiology Joint Specialty Committee (3 meetings a year)
- Work closely with the British Junior Cardiologists Association
- Work with the European Society of Cardiology and UEMS-CS (Union of European Medical Specialties - Cardiology Section) in developing and delivering the EEGC (European Examination in General Cardiology) for UK cardiology trainees.

Meetings

The Vice President Training will:

- Attend meetings of and provide regular reports to:
 - the Board (5 meetings per year)
 - the Executive (5 meetings per year)
 - Council (3 meeting per year)
 - the AGM (June meeting at BCS Conference)

In between Board meetings, the Vice President Training may be expected to meet and/or engage in contact via email or phone, with the President, Chief Executive, and other BCS Officers, staff and volunteers as necessary.

- Manage assignments designated by the President
- Represent the Society as requested by the President

Time Commitment

In addition to the meetings set out above, it is anticipated that the Vice President, Training responsibilities will require an indicative commitment of, on average, 12 hours per month, with the need for flexibility given that this will be variable across the year linked to meeting and activity schedules.

Review Meetings with the President

Regular meetings will be held with the President in addition to 6 monthly review meetings to agree and monitor objectives.

Support

Appropriate administration support will be provided via the BCS offices in Fitzroy Square with access to meeting rooms as required.

Induction and training will be provided (and must be undertaken) with regard to wider Trustee responsibilities.

Eligibility

Those standing for election must:

- be an Ordinary Member of the Society
- have served as a member of Council, a member of a committee of the Society, or as an Officer of one of the Affiliated Societies
- have the support of his/her employer (Chief Executive Officer) at his/her normal place

of work and meet the time commitments set out

- be able to commit to the broad remit and duties of the post
- be able to commit to additional SAC and JRCPTB duties if elected as SAC Chair
- declare any conflicts of interest
- be nominated and seconded by Ordinary Members of the BCS
- submit a personal statement relevant to the post
- be approved by the Election Committee as fulfilling the relevant person specification and job description
- be elected by a ballot of Ordinary Members of the Society