
The attention of Fellows in Dental Surgery is drawn to the business concerning nominations for the election of:

MEMBERS OF DENTAL COUNCIL

SUMMARY AND CRITERIA

Nominations are invited for the election of **TWO** Members of Dental Council. These vacancies have arisen as Dr Toby Gilgrass and Professor Brian Nattress will complete their term of office in 2021. The successful candidates will take up their positions at the Dental AGM to be held in October 2021.

Nominations, using the attached nomination forms should be sent to the College at dental@rcsed.ac.uk for the attention of the Secretary to the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 09:00 hours on Wednesday 12 May 2021. No late nominations shall be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must be Dental Fellows of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, in good standing with the College and their regulator and eligible to stand for election under the Provisions of Law 78 of the College Laws.

Election Process

Individuals matching the criteria above and wishing to seek nomination for these elected roles must submit the following documentation, **by no later than 09:00 on Wednesday 12 May 2021** to dental@rcsed.ac.uk:

- a) A signed nomination form detailing a proposer and seconder who must both be Fellows in Dental Surgery in good standing
- b) A candidate information form including a 150-word supporting statement
- c) A signed note of support from your main employer

Please note that any nominations submitted beyond the stipulated closing date shall be declared null and void.

In the event that there are more than two valid nominees, an election will be held and all nominees will be informed.

Where the number of valid nominees is equal to the number of vacancies, the nominees will be declared to have been duly elected.

Please note that, should an election be required, an online ballot will be administered, on behalf of the Faculty, by Civica Election Services (CES). If required, ballot papers for the election of Member of Dental

Council will be sent via email in May 2021, and the election conducted in accordance with Law 79 of the Laws of the College.

Period of Office

The successful candidates shall take office as elected members of Dental Council for an initial five-year term from the date of the Dental AGM in 2021. This initial term of office shall expire upon the date of the Dental Faculty AGM five years thereafter. They shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of five years.

Time Commitment

The time commitment is estimated to be around 15 days per annum. Meetings of Dental Council are held four times per year. These meetings are currently held online but may also be held in the Edinburgh College.

EXTRACT FROM COLLEGE LAWS

77. *“The ten Fellows in Dental Surgery who are members of the Dental Council shall be elected by a postal vote or online vote of the Fellows and Members in Dental Surgery while the Members’ representative of the Dental Council shall be elected by the same voting system from amongst the Members in Dental Surgery alone. Fellows in Dental Surgery who also hold a Membership in the Faculty of Dental Surgery shall be deemed to be a Fellow for the purposes of Dental Council nomination and voting. The ten Fellows and the Members’ representative of Dental Council shall be appointed for a period of five years. They shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of five years and thereafter ordinarily they shall not be eligible for re-election until a period of two years has elapsed.*
78. *Nominations shall be called for when vacancies arise as Fellows and the Members’ representative of the Dental Council complete their term of appointment. Any subscribing Fellow in Dental Surgery, who is eligible under any provision of these Laws and who has signified his/her consent and willingness to undertake the duties of the Dental Council may be nominated by two other Fellows in Dental Surgery. Any subscribing Member in the Faculty of Dental Surgery who is eligible under any provision of these Laws and who has signified his/her consent and willingness to undertake the duties of the Dental Council may be nominated by two other Fellows and or Members in Dental Surgery who, in both circumstances shall sign the nomination paper and return it to the Secretary of the Faculty of Dental Surgery by such date as the Dental Council shall determine*
79. *Voting papers showing the name and address of each Fellow and Member in Dental Surgery duly nominated, his/her professional appointments, the date of his/her election to the Fellowship/Membership in Dental Surgery and his/her previous service to the College shall be sent to subscribing Fellows and Members in Dental Surgery at least three months before the Annual Meeting of the Fellows, Members and other affiliated categories in Dental Surgery. Voting papers shall be returned to the Secretary of the Faculty of Dental Surgery before such date as the Dental Council shall determine. The votes shall be counted under the scrutiny of a returning officer appointed for the purpose by the Dental Council who shall notify the result of the ballot to the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery and to the candidates. Those elected shall take office at the conclusion of that Annual Meeting.”*

EXTRACT FROM DENTAL REGULATIONS

17. **Terms of Office for Members of Dental Council – (Law 77 of College Laws)**

- 17.1 *Non-Office-Bearer members of Dental Council who serve two successive terms on Dental Council, excluding any partial year backfill as a result of another Dental Council member's non-completion of his/her term of office, must take a break of a minimum of two years before standing for election for a further term on Council.*
- 17.2 *The maximum tenure on Dental Council, including any period as an Office-Bearer, with the exception of that of the President of the College / Dean, should not exceed twelve continuous years.*

18. Eligibility to stand as a Member of Dental Council – Law 77

- 18.1 *Only Dental Fellows or Dental Members of the College who are in good standing are eligible to stand for election to Dental Council. All nominees must satisfy College Regulation 5 (relating to College Law 2) abstracted below:*

College Regulation 5: Eligibility to sit on College Council

“No Fellow or Member of the College shall be permitted to be elected as a member of Council, whether elected or ex officio, where he/she is also an elected or ex officio member of the Council of, or has an interest which would be declarable in terms of Regulation 39 in, any sister College, or where any person connected with him/her by virtue of Section 68(2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 is such that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest.

“Where such connections exist, these must be declared appropriately in the Declaration of Interests Register held by the College Secretariat on behalf of the Honorary Secretary.”

(For the avoidance of doubt, ‘sister College’ in this capacity is defined as either a UK or the Irish Royal Surgical or Dental College.)

NB. Candidates would be expected to declare this at the time of nomination.