



British Society of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry
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Dear Member

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held online via webinar on Tuesday 15th June 2021, 6.00p.m.- 7.30p.m.

I would like to invite you to our online AGM and very much hope that you will be able to listen live on the night and participate in the voting and election of Officers.

In addition to our usual annual reports, there are a number of matters we wish to raise with our membership.

As you will know, due to Covid-19, the 2020 Annual Conference has been postponed until 12-14th November 2021 and, as a result, our Conferences are now out of sync with the Presidential year. The Conference which Dr Nik Pandya wished to hold at Luton Hoo will now be held on the 13–15th October 2022.

We hope that in 2023 we will be back on track with Professor Mike Milward's Presidential year and Annual Conference.

It is recognised that we need a President for 2022, who can serve in this role and capture the ethos of Nik Pandya's wishes. It was Nik's desire in his outline plan for his Conference to have a programme that was inclusive for the whole dental team. We have therefore invited Dr Rajan Nansi to stand as President in 2022. As many of you will be aware, Rajan was the first Chair of the Early Career Group and, like Nik, has a passion for supporting practitioners. We are delighted to report that Rajan is honoured to accept the Presidential role and will be working closely with senior members of Council next year.

We also propose making two changes to Article 6 (The Council) of the Constitution.

Firstly, whilst senior Officer roles are appointed by Council, Article 6, Clause 2ii of the Constitution states that Council representatives will be nominated by membership vote. We have reflected on this process and have identified that there are many key individuals who work incredibly hard for the BSP behind the scenes who we would like to bring onto Council. They dedicate considerable time and effort to BSP projects but, in some cases, have received insufficient member votes to gain a position on Council.

We need Council representatives who will work hard and get involved with initiatives for the good of the Society. In addition, to protect the long-term future of the BSP, we need to make wise appointments to these roles so that the Society can be both sustainable, and support continuity of delivering the BSP strategic aims.

We therefore wish to change the wording of this clause to allow Council to review nominations from the membership and vote on the appointments to Council. BSP Council will continue to invite members to nominate individuals for future roles and we intend to use a skills matrix to ensure compatibility with the roles, whilst ensuring the process is fair and transparent. In addition, it is anticipated that removing the process of nominations being subject to a membership vote, will hopefully encourage more people to apply, and result in a wider selection of applicants from all parts of the UK. This would enable the BSP to have a Council that represents the diverse communities that it serves.

Secondly, we are always striving to meet the needs of our membership and to stay at the forefront of research and education. We are continually exploring how we can develop, grow and set ourselves challenging targets to achieve over the coming years. In line with this, we believe that the names of the Teachers' and Practitioners' Sections need updating to reflect the work we now do.

It is proposed that the two Section roles, detailed in Article 6, Clause 1 of the Constitution, be disregarded, and a new group be established called, "*The Education Advisory Committee*".

The Education Advisory Committee would be a team led by a Practitioner and an Academic. This group would be given specific tasks to work on, including:

- Liaising with the dental school perio leads
- Exploring member CPD needs
- Driving education and being instrumental in organising the Educational Webinar Programme/Masterclass Courses with the President/Education & Events Manager
- Supervising the Undergraduate and Early Career Groups
- Educating patients

These are exciting changes, and we very much hope that you will support our plans. The proposals will help us to achieve elements of our strategic aims and keep the BSP focused on delivering the best service to our members, the wider dental community, the public and patients. It is essential that the BSP remains a strong Society and maintains momentum as we move forward and tackle the many challenges and opportunities ahead.

If you are unable to vote live during the webinar, you may email your comments on the proposed changes, or register a Yes/No vote, with our Executive General Manager, Paula Dunn, no later than the 8th June 2021: admin@bsperio.org.uk

We attach a copy of the previous Minutes and Accounts for the year ending December 2020 for your information. Again, if you wish to make any comments, please email Paula Dunn by the 8th June 2021.

We recognise that the last year has been an extremely difficult and challenging time for everyone. Despite the problems faced by the pandemic, as a Society we have worked extremely hard and achieved an incredible amount. We are looking forward to updating you on our work and accomplishments over the last twelve months and hope that the online webinar will provide a more inclusive and sustainable way of doing this. Please visit the Events page of our website to register to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Professor Wendy Turner
Honorary Secretary

CONSTITUTION

(Lasted updated in 2019)



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Article 6, 2ii – The Council

Proposal- All other representatives will be nominated by the membership and determined by Council.

- Help BSP gain hardworking Council representatives, who will make a strong impact on initiatives for the good of the Society.
- Protect the long-term future of the BSP, enabling us to be sustainable and lay succession pathways for the future.
- Fair and transparent skills matrix will encourage more applicants and result in a wider selection of members from all parts of the UK, enabling BSP to have a Council that represents the diverse communities that it serves.

Article 6.1 – The Council

The Council

1. The authority of the Society will be vested in a Council consisting of the Officers of the Society, **an academic Chair and a practitioner Chair leading the Education Advisory Committee**, the Chairman of the Early Career Group, two Other Members and a representative from the BSP Patient Forum.

The 72nd Annual General Meeting of the British Society of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry will be held online via webinar on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 6p.m.

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To adopt the Minutes of 71st Annual General Meeting
3. Report of Honorary Secretary – to include proposed Constitutional changes
4. Report of Honorary Treasurer
 - (a) Presentation of Accounts
 - (b) Appointment of Independent Examiner/Auditor of the Society's Accounts
5. Report of Honorary Editor
6. Report of the Teachers' Section
7. Report of the Practitioners' Section
8. Report of the Early Career Group
9. Election of the Officers for 2022

Subject to no further nominations being received, the following are proposed by Professor Mark Ide, and seconded by Professor Wendy Turner on behalf of the Council:

President 2022	Dr Rajan Nansi
Senior Vice President	Professor Francis Hughes
Vice-President (Immediate-Past President)	Professor Mark Ide
Vice-President (President-Elect 2023)	Professor Mike Milward
Vice-President (President-Elect 2024)	Professor Nicola West
Honorary Secretary	Professor Wendy Turner
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Ian Dunn
Honorary Editor	Dr Alexander Pollard
Commercial Liaison Officer	Dr Viren Vithlani
10. Election of Other Members of Council

Chair of the Teacher's Section	Professor Moritz Kebschull
Char of the Practitioner's Section	Dr Shazad Saleem
11. Election of the President-Elect for 2025
TBA
12. Honorary Members
13. Emeritus Membership
14. Notification of Awards and Prizes
15. Any Other Business
16. The meeting will be followed by the **Presidential Address** given by Professor Mark Ide.