



Proposed Changes to RA-UK constitution

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This document outlines two proposals to be voted upon at the May 2023 RA-UK AGM in Newcastle.

- Two further co-opted positions on RA-UK board
- A new past president 'advisory group'

Co-opted positions on RA-UK Board

Society membership has almost trebled in the last four years. As work load and success of the society increases the board is keen to have the option to expand the number of co-opted members on to the board who have specialist expertise that may not always exist amongst the current board. At present RA-UK has a co-opted research and website lead, but following on from the adult Plan A block campaign the RA-UK board are keen for example to develop and promote interest in paediatric regional anaesthesia and capitalise on the recent Plan A paediatric blocks editorial, a role clearly best led by a paediatric regional anaesthetist. Other potential roles might include a webinar co-ordinator given the strong desire for more regional anaesthesia teaching.

- Co-opted roles to be decided by the board on a rolling basis, based on skills of current board members and the needs of the society.
- Nominations will be sought from within RA-UK board
- Position will then be voted for internally by RA-UK board
 - 3 year term, renewable for a second three year term if willing and approved by board
 - Co-opted member to have full voting rights on RA-UK board but is not eligible to apply for RA-UK board executive positions e.g. Honorary treasurer, Honorary Secretary or President

Past President Advisory Group

The RA-UK board recognise the significant contribution of all board members but in particular the past presidents and the work involved in this role. The board propose that clinically active past presidents are invited to join an advisory group that attend each annual scientific meeting at the expense of the RA-UK board. Advisory group members will not be part of the elected RA-UK board and will have no voting rights. Advisory group members will not be invited to full board meetings but may be asked to attend for specific agenda items at the ASM board meeting. Informal advice may be sought from advisory group members by the RA-UK board on an ad hoc basis at other times. Membership of the advisory group will lapse on retirement from clinical duties.