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Dear ABS Affiliate and Nurse members

### **Call for nominations for ABS Nursing Committee Chair & Trustee**

We are currently seeking nominations for a new chair of the ABS Nursing Committee, as Sue Holcombe will be finishing her term in May 2024.

#### *Requirements to stand for the ABS Nursing Committee Chair & Trustee*

- Candidates must have been an Affiliate Fellow or Nurse Fellow for at least 3 years prior to the date of their appointment as Trustee (May 2024)

#### *Nomination Process for the post*

- Candidates to be nominated by two Fellows (Members).
- All nominations should be sent to [lucydavies@absgei.org.uk](mailto:lucydavies@absgei.org.uk) by 10am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- Nominations to come from and be signed by the Fellow proposing the candidate and should also be signed by the Fellow seconding the nomination. Electronic signatures are acceptable. Please ensure all nominations state which post the candidate is applying for.
- Nominations to include the consent of the candidate showing their willingness to be appointed (if successful).

#### *Election process for the post*

- If there is more than one candidate for the post, there will be a ballot of the affiliate and nurse fellows. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be the next chair of the Nursing Committee (Nursing Trustee) and their appointment will be reported to and take effect at the AGM in May 2024.

**The deadline for nominations is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 10am.**

#### *Further information*

- A role description for the post is available and candidates should consider both their suitability for the role and also their other commitments to ensure they would have the time available to undertake the post fully if successful. Should you wish to discuss the post please ring Lucy Davies on 07936 359533.
- Trustee posts are for a period of 2 years, which may be extended by one further period of 3 years.
- The Executive Board normally meets about 6 times per year. There are currently 3 face to face meetings, with the others being online. Trustees are expected to attend 70% of the meetings in a year and to attend in person when it is a face to face meeting. The Nursing Committee meets three or four times per year with at least half of these meetings being online.

- It is anticipated that the successful candidate will be notified by the end of March 2024. They will then have a handover period with the current Nursing Trustee prior to the AGM in May 2024.

We encourage ABS members to take these opportunities to become more involved in the work of their Association.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Benson', is written over a large, stylized, circular scribble.

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John Benson  
Honorary Secretary