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Dear ABS Members

Call for nominations and expressions of interest for ABS Regional Representative and Committee Posts.

Regional Representative Posts

Claudia Harding-Mackean, the regional representatives for Merseyside, PG Roy, the regional representative for South East Central, and Jayant Vaidya, the regional representative for London, are due to demit at the ABS AGM in May 2024. We are therefore seeking nominations for new representatives for these regions in time for the appointments to be announced at the AGM.

The regional representatives sit on the Clinical Practice and Standards Committee and play an important role in both representing the views of the members in their region to the committee and also feeding back from the ABS to the membership. In addition committee members may be asked to take on additional roles relating to their committee, such as representing the ABS on other groups like NICE, PHIN, CORESS etc. They are also now involved in coordinating an ABS regional meeting every two years.

The term of office is 2 years, with a possible extension of 3 years. Candidates must be full members of the Association. A role description is available on the website. The Clinical Practice & Standards Committee meets four times a year. At present the intention is for 2 meetings per year to be virtual and two face to face.

All nominations must be proposed and seconded by two full or senior retired members of the ABS and must be e-mailed to lucydavies@absghi.org.uk **by the 11th March 2024 at 9am**. The nomination e-mail must come from the person proposing the candidate and name the person acting as seconder. Should an election be required it will be on a first past the post basis of the full and senior retired members of the ABS in the region.

Committee vacancies – Call for expressions of interest

We are also calling for expressions of interest for a number of vacancies on ABS Committees. The available posts are as follows:

Academic & Research Committee

- 1 secretary
- 3 committee members

Education and Training Committee

- 1 committee member

International Committee

- 4 committee members

Further information

The term of office is 2 years, with a possible extension of 3 years. Where it is not specified members of any grade can apply for these posts, although potential candidates should note that the Academic & Research Committee has trainee and nursing representatives as members and the Education & Training Committee had trainee, nursing and SAS grade representatives. Committee members must be able to attend at least two committee meetings per year and be available to attend face to face meetings. ABS Committees now meet four times a year. Generally two meetings are virtual and two meetings are face to face. Committee members are expected to work in between time on various committee projects.

Application process

Members wishing to apply for these committee roles should send a letter by e-mail to lucydavies@absghi.org.uk by the **11th March 2024 at 9am** naming the role they are applying for and stating the relevant experience they have to fulfil the role. A short (3 page maximum) CV can be included for reference. There are no elections for committee membership but selection will be made by the committee members and chairs on the merit of the applications and the needs/ composition of the committees at the time. All committee posts are approved by the Executive Board.

Should you wish to discuss any of the posts please contact Lucy Davies on 020 7869 6852 or by e-mail at lucydavies@absghi.org.uk

We would encourage eligible members to consider applying for these posts and to participate in the work of the ABS.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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

John Benson
Honorary Secretary