



## **Annual General Meeting 2025**

### **Amendments to the Articles of Association**

Since the last Annual General Meeting a number of revisions to the BDA's Articles of Association have been identified as necessary. These are listed below along with the proposed new provisions and with some explanation of rationale.

#### **Overall numbering and structure**

The provisions in the Articles have been numbered 1-86, this means that any insertion or deletion of provisions necessitates a re-numbering of all subsequent provisions which provides a significant amount of administration alongside the possibility that human error in re-numbering results in provisions that are no longer linked together.

As such, it is proposed to re-number the Articles, separating them out into the sections identified in the contents page, and starting each of these sections with a letter. This amendment ensures that if a provision is included or removed the only re-numbering necessary is within that particular section.

This proposal has not changed the text of the Articles in anyway.

#### **Education, Ethics and Dental Team Working Group**

The proposed amendments to the provisions regarding the Education, Ethics and Dental Team Working Group recognise the PEC's understanding of how this has developed since 2012.

The term 'working group' suggests some degree of impermanence which is no longer appropriate given the PEC has no intention of removing the working group. The proposal therefore is to rename the Education, Ethics and Dental Team Working Group as the 'Regulation and Ethics Committee' with a retention of the initial remit.

The Chair of the Education, Ethics and Dental Team working Group is the third of three PEC senior officers, alongside the Chair and Deputy Chair. However, the workload of the role is broadly similar to that of the Deputy Chair and as such the PEC have proposed renaming the Chair of the Education, Ethics and Dental Team Working Group as Deputy Chair (Education) and the designation of the existing Deputy Chair role as Deputy Chair (Finance).

## **Honours and Awards**

The Honours and Awards Committee have requested a number of revisions that will clarify the various honours bestowed by the Association. However, the number of awards has not been changed, nor has the eligibility for receipt, rather they are now categorised more specifically, namely awards, honours and medals.

Historically the portmanteau of all recipients was 'Honorary Members' however, this is also an operational term used within the BDA, typically applied to overseas dignitaries and those otherwise ineligible for general BDA membership (non-registrants).

The proposed portmanteau term is 'Special Member/ship', and this has been inserted across the articles where appropriate.

The addition of 'medal' has also been included so that BDA honours are one of award, honour or medal. The membership entitlement of the various categories has also been clarified.