



Annual General Meeting 2024

Amendments to the Articles of Association

The BDA Articles are routinely reviewed to determine the relevance and utility of the provisions listed.

Highlighted below are the changes that the PEC believe should be incorporated into the Articles along with an explanatory note.

The current article text is in black type with new proposed provisions in red type.

Country Councils

The creation of the four Country Councils is provided for by Article 57 (A)

57 (A) A country council shall be formed in each country of the United Kingdom, with the following remit:

- To provide regular advice and comment to the Principal Executive Committee as consultative committees
- To consider and advise the Principal Executive Committee on all matters relating to dentistry within the country concerned
- To advise the Principal Executive Committee on all aspects of policy within the country concerned, facilitating external expert and member input to policy formation where required
- To receive regular reports from the Principal Executive Committee, to enable each country council to debate and comment on the activities of the Principal Executive Committee without prejudice to the rights of the membership as a whole

- To liaise with Branches and Sections

To more accurately reflect the practices of each Council the following bullet point is also proposed to be added,

- To consider all issues of policy and matters affecting dentistry within the country concerned.

The number of council members is also stated in Article 58 (A)

58 (A) Each country council shall consist of the following minimum number of voting members:

1. English Country Council – one member elected from each branch in England. The English Country Council shall not be comprised of more than 30 voting members from the branches
2. Scottish Country Council - ~~two~~ three members elected from each of the three Scottish branches
3. Welsh Country Council – four members elected by members in the Welsh sections
4. Northern Ireland Country Council - - three members elected by the Northern Ireland Branch

Following discussions with Scottish Council the number of branch representatives should be increased from two to three.

Honours and Awards

The Honours and Awards Committee has asked that the Articles be amended to redesignate entry to the Roll of Distinction as an Award rather than an Honour. A number of entrants to the Roll are not dentists and as such, BDA membership, which is concomitant with the granting of an Honour is unnecessary. This move will revert the Roll to its original status.

AWARD HONOURS: ROLL OF DISTINCTION

67. Upon the recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee the ~~award honour~~ of an entry of a person's name on the Roll of Distinction may be awarded by the Principal Executive Committee. The ~~award honour~~ is defined in terms that the Association may honour any person, whether or not eligible for membership of the Association, for outstanding services to UK dentistry by entering that person on the

Roll of Distinction. The ~~award honour~~ is marked by the presentation of a certificate and a medal at a Presidential Meeting or other occasion determined by the Principal Executive Committee. ~~Any dentist so honoured shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, but shall not be liable to pay any subscriptions to the Association or Branch thereof. This benefit shall apply from 9th October 2010 for all dentists entered on the Roll of Distinction.~~