
Election of President

Notice to Fellows and Members

Fellows and Members are reminded of their rights under the Bye-laws and Regulations, as follows:

Bye-law XI

The President shall be elected annually from among the Fellows.

Regulation XI

- (1) As soon as may be practicable after the first day of June in any year the Council shall hold a nomination meeting and shall . . . nominate not less than one candidate and not more than three candidates. . . .
- (2) Between the first day of June in any year and the date which is four clear weeks

after the nomination meeting of the Council, written nominations, accompanied in each case by the nominees' written consent to stand for election, may be lodged with the Registrar, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Council.

- (3) An election by ballot shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

The nominating meeting of the Council will be held on 30 January 1995 and the last date for receiving nominations under (2) above will therefore be 26 February. Dr Fiona Caldicott is in her second year of office as President and is therefore eligible for re-election.

Special Interest Group

Proposal for a Special Interest Group for Women in Psychiatry

In June 1987 Council approved the establishment of Special Interest Groups.

Procedure for establishing a Special Interest Group:

- (1) Any Member wishing to establish a Special Interest Group shall write to the Registrar with relevant details.
- (2) The Registrar shall forward the application to Council.
- (3) If Council approves the principle of establishing such a Special Interest Group then it will direct the Registrar to place a notice in the *Bulletin*, or its equivalent, asking Members of the College to write in support of such a Group and expressing willingness to participate in its activities.
- (4) If more than 50 Members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally

approve the establishment of the Special Interest Group.

- (5) The administrative support provided will be similar to that enjoyed by College Divisions. It should be noted therefore, that the College will maintain the list of meetings but will not provide staff to attend meetings, organise conferences etc.

In accordance with this procedure, Council has approved the establishment of a Special Interest Group for Women in Psychiatry which will address issues relating both to women psychiatrists and mental health in women. Members are invited to write in support of this Group and express willingness to participate in its activities. Members should write to Mrs Jean Wales at the College. If 50 Members reply to this notice for each Group, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of this Special Interest Group.

Professor C. THOMPSON, Registrar