**BSSH APPLICATION FOR ELECTION TO COUNCIL 2025-2027**

We’re looking for Fellows (previously called Full Members) to stand for election to Council for a three year term from January 2025 – December 2027.

Council Members are elected by BSSH Fellows to preside over matters of the Society on their behalf.

The BSSH is a charity and a company limited by guarantee, therefore upon election, council members become a director of the company and a trustee of the charity for the duration of their term. These roles come with important responsibilities. It is vital that you consider these alongside whether you have sufficient time to commit to the role before returning your application form.

In summary the main obligations are:

* Ultimate responsibility for everything the charity does
* Specific responsibility for the proper administration of the charity, complying with the BSSH constitution and the law
* Duty to act with prudence in all matters
* To act collectively and in the best interests of the charity
* To safeguard the current and future assets of the charity and ensure that they are applied to further the charitable objectives of the charity.

For further information, please read the following documents:

[BSSH: What it means to be a Council Member](https://www.bssh.ac.uk/_userfiles/pages/files/Members/Council%20and%20Committees/Council%20Nominations/What%20it%20is%20to%20be%20a%20BSSH%20council%20member%20May%2024.pdf)

[Charity Commission Essential Trustee](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3)

Please also contact the Secretariat if you would like to be put in touch with a current member of Council who can talk to their experience.

All applications require signatures from a proposer and seconder (both of whom should also be BSSH Fellows) and should include a 200-word synopsis of why you wish to serve on Council. This synopsis will be made available on the voting platform to inform members when placing their votes.

Please return your completed form, alongside a head shot photograph to be used on the voting system to charlotte.smith@bssh.ac.uk by **23:59 on Wednesday 31st July 2024.**

After the deadline, the list of eligible candidates is put to all BSSH Fellows for a vote, considering the information provided on the form below. The vote is held electronically using a single transferable vote methodology on the Mi-Voice voting software using the Electoral Reform Society rules. After voting has taken place three persons are elected; the highest scoring orthopaedic surgeon, highest scoring plastic surgeon and the next highest scoring surgeon (from either specialty). Those elected are announced at the AGM in November 2024.

Members of council are eligible to apply for re-election.

Council currently meets 4 times a year in January, April/May, September and November.

Ms J McEachan, Miss R Shirley and Mr S Talwalkar complete their term of office at the end of 2024. The following will continue to serve on Council during 2025.

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| **Name** | **Position** |
| Mr C Heras-Palou | President |
| Mr W Lam | Vice President |
| Mr S Talwalkar (recommended to members by Council to be elected at 2024 AGM) | Vice President Elect |
| Miss G Bourke | Immediate Past President |
| Mr I McNab | Honorary Secretary |
| Mr Z Naqui | Honorary Treasurer |
| Mr D Russell | Elected Council member 2024 - 2026 |
| Mr P Jesudason | Elected Council member 2024 - 2026 |
| Mrs S Tucker | Elected Council member 2024 - 2026 |
| Mr F Iwuagwu | Elected Council member 2023 - 2025 |
| Mr J Jones | Elected Council member 2023 - 2025 |
| Mr H Dafydd | Elected Council member 2023 - 2025 |

Council request Members refrain from canvassing.

**BSSH NOMINATION FORM: COUNCIL 2025-2027**

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| **Your Name (must be a BSSH Fellow, previously called Full Member)** |  |
| Please tell us your email address |  |
| Your Specialty  | Plastic or Orthopaedic  |

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| **Proposer’s Name (Must have Fellow membership of the BSSH)** |  |
| Proposer’s electronic signature |  |

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| **Seconder’s Name (Must have Fellow membership of the BSSH)** |  |
| Seconder’s electronic signature |  |

**Please tell us why you wish to become a BSSH Council member in 200 words. (This synopsis is visible to all BSSH Fellows on the voting site)**

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Please don’t forget to send a headshot photograph which will be used on the electronic voting system alongside your synopsis by 23:59 on 31st July 2024.

[ ] Please check this box and sign below to confirm that you:

* Have Fellow membership of the BSSH
* Agree to stand for election to the BSSH Council
* Have the support of your proposer and seconder to stand for election
* Have read and understood the documentation concerning what it means to be a BSSH Council member and the Charity Commission Essential Trustee guidance (links above).

**Signature of applicant:**

**Date:**