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To: All Fellows and Members of the Royal Society of Medicine

Nominations for RSM President and Elected Council Members (Trustees)

We are now seeking nominations for our next **President**. The successful candidate will attend Council as President-elect from October 2023 and take up post as President on 30 July 2024 for a period of three years. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT IS NOON ON MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023.**

We are also seeking nominations for **two Elected Council Members (Trustees)** to take up post for a period of up to three years from 1 October 2023. In addition to these two posts, and in order to comply with our By-Laws, we are **also** seeking nominations for the post of **Trainee Trustee**. The closing date for nominations is **noon on Monday 27 March 2023**. If an election is necessary, electronic and postal ballots will be sent out in early May 2023. The results of the election will be announced in late June 2023.

This is an exciting time to join the Council of the RSM as we continue to deliver our 2021-2026 strategy “Better Healthcare for Better Lives” focussing on the following four pillars:

Education: delivering multi-disciplinary, specialist and general education as well as professional development;

Learning Resources: providing excellent medical resources;

Networks: connecting those involved in and interested in healthcare; and

Innovation: leveraging expertise from across the RSM to help innovators.

We are keen to encourage candidates with experience that can help support and implement the RSM’s strategy. In addition, Council members will also be required to sit on several Council Committees and we are particularly keen to encourage nominations from candidates who can bring expertise to the Audit and Risk Committee, the Education Committee, the Governance Committee, the Membership Committee and the Remuneration, People and Culture Committee.

The role of President

The President of the RSM chairs Council and attends ex-officio other Council Committees. They are the public face of the Society. As chair of Council, they work with the Chief Executive on behalf of Council. A full role description can be obtained from Joanna Rose (joanna.rose@rsm.ac.uk).

The role of Trustees

Council is the governing body of the RSM. All Members of Council also act as Charity Trustees and have the responsibilities set out in the Charities Act 2011. They are responsible for the strategic direction, financial health, the probity of activities and for developing the aims, objectives and goals of the Society in accordance with our Royal Charter and legal and regulatory guidelines. Council comprises a maximum of ten elected and three appointed Trustees.

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Council meets a minimum of four times a year and Council Committees meet two to four times a year, with ad hoc meetings as required. All meetings will be held at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE, or online.

Candidates should note the role of Trustee requires an extensive time commitment, including attending meetings, reading papers and carrying out actions as required by Committees and Council. Committee meetings are usually 2-3 hours long and Council is usually 3-4 hours per meeting.

Nomination process

All nominees must be Fellows of the Society. Candidates standing for President must have been a member of the RSM for at least five years and be in good standing. Each nominee will require a proposer and two seconders who can be Fellows or Associate Members of the Society. All nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form, which is available from Joanna Rose, Charity Secretary, (joanna.rose@rsm.ac.uk).

In order to ensure that potential nominees are familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a Council Trustee and fully understand the necessary work and time commitments involved, we are organising meetings for all potential nominees with Michele Acton, our Chief Executive, and one of our current Trustees. Those standing for President will be required to meet with Ms Acton and myself. These meetings will take place ahead of the closing date for submitting application forms. Please contact Joanna Rose to organise a convenient time.

Completed forms, which should not exceed three A4 pages, may be sent in electronic format and **must contain all required signatures**. We recognise that it can sometimes be difficult to obtain signatures from colleagues, therefore we can accept e-signatures, or signatures on a separate completed form. Please note that emails supporting colleagues are **NOT** acceptable and any applications without signatures will not be accepted.

As a reminder, completed application forms for President must be submitted to Joanna Rose by **noon on Monday 13 March 2023**. Nominations for Trustee must be submitted by noon on Monday 27 March 2023.

Election process

President

If only one nomination is received, then that candidate will be considered by Council as to their suitability for the role. If deemed appropriate, then that candidate will become President-elect unopposed.

If two or more applications are received, then Council will consider the applications and if necessary, draw up a shortlist of candidates that are best suited to meet the needs of the Society. These candidates will then go forward for election by the membership. Candidates may be asked to take part in an event to present their candidacy to the electorate, stating their reasons for standing and what they hope to achieve for the Society during their tenure as President.

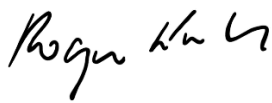
Trustee

If no more than two nominations are received, those candidates will, subject to confirmation by Council, take up post as a Trustee from 1 October 2023. If more than two applications are received, then Council will consider the applications and if necessary, draw up a shortlist of candidates that are best suited to meet the needs of the Society.

If more than one candidate is nominated for the post of Trainee Trustee, then an election will be required.

I do hope that you will consider joining the team as we grasp the opportunity of modernising the RSM by bringing it into the digital age without losing sight of its impressive and august heritage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Kirby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Professor Roger Kirby MA MD FRCS
President