

2022 BALLOT TO APPROVE THE TRUSTEE BOARD REGULATIONS

Council Statement

In 2021 a number of changes to the Charter and By-laws proposed by the Trustee Board were approved in a member vote and accepted by the Privy Council. Part of these changes was to move the rules concerning membership of the Trustee Board from the By-laws and into a set of Trustee Board Regulations. They included the return to having two Deputy Presidents in place of a President Elect and dropping the number of Vice President positions by one and the ability to co-opt Trustees as needs arise. An initial draft of these was provided to members at the time.

Over the last few weeks, the Council has engaged with staff and the Trustee Board through the President to review, comment and request changes of clarification, resulting in the current version of Trustee Board Regulations for which member approval is requested to complete the process.

Discussions between Council, staff and the Trustee Board through the President led also to the agreement that a comprehensive review of the documents that define our governance is required. In particular the By-laws, which have been subject to iterative changes over the years would benefit from a thorough review. It has been agreed in principle that the first step of this, a scoping study, will start soon and certainly within the current Institution year.

With the above understanding in mind, the Council has, by passing the following motions, agreed to support this first step on the journey of putting in place the Trustee Board Regulations.

Motion 2022/1:

To support the current version of the Trustee Board Regulations being put to a member vote ahead of the 2022 elections.

Motion 2022/2:

To accept the request of the President to undertake a more detailed review of the Charter and By-laws starting with a scoping study involving Council, staff and Trustees.

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