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

### **Nominations for RSM Council (Trustees)**

Nominations are now being sought for three Elected Council Members to take up post for a period of three years from 1 October 2021. To comply with our Regulations, successful candidates will comprise at least one Trainee and at least two Regional Fellows. The closing date for nominations is **12 noon on Wednesday 24 March 2021**. If an election is necessary, electronic and postal ballots will be sent out in early May 2021. The results of the election will be announced in July 2021.

The Society has a track record of delivering medical education for over 200 years and is uniquely placed to deliver its mission of supporting education and innovation across different branches of medicine and across healthcare professions. We are keen to attract individuals who can contribute to the RSM delivering on that mission.

#### **The role of Council Members**

Council is the governing body of the Society and Council Members are collectively 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 Council members. As President, I chair Council and together with the other Council Members we act as Charity Trustees and have the responsibilities set out in the Charities Act 2011.

Council meets a minimum of four times a year and in 2021/22 is currently scheduled to meet at 2pm on 2 November 2021, 1 February 2022, 3 May 2022 and 26 July 2022. There may be other ad hoc meetings as required. Council Members are also expected to sit on at least two Committees of Council and such other working groups as may be necessary. In particular we anticipate requiring new Trustees for the Audit and Risk Committee, Finance and Investment Committee and Business Development Committee. All meetings will be held at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE or by videoconference.

If you would like to have an informal discussion about the role with me or Michele Acton, Chief Executive, please contact Joanna Rose, Charity Secretary, ([Joanna.rose@rsm.ac.uk](mailto:Joanna.rose@rsm.ac.uk)).

#### **Nomination process**

All nominees must be Fellows of the Society. 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](mailto:Joanna.rose@rsm.ac.uk)).

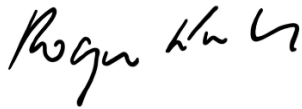
Completed forms, which should not exceed three A4 pages, may be sent in electronic format and **must contain all required signatures**. We recognise that it can sometimes be difficult to obtain signatures from colleagues, therefore we can accept e-signatures, or signatures on a separate completed form.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

Completed application forms must be submitted to Joanna Rose by **12 noon on Wednesday 24 March 2021**.

If an election is necessary, electronic and postal ballots will be sent out in early May 2021. Those members without an email address will be sent papers by post. The result of the election will be announced in July 2021.

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', written in a cursive style.

Professor Roger Kirby  
**President**