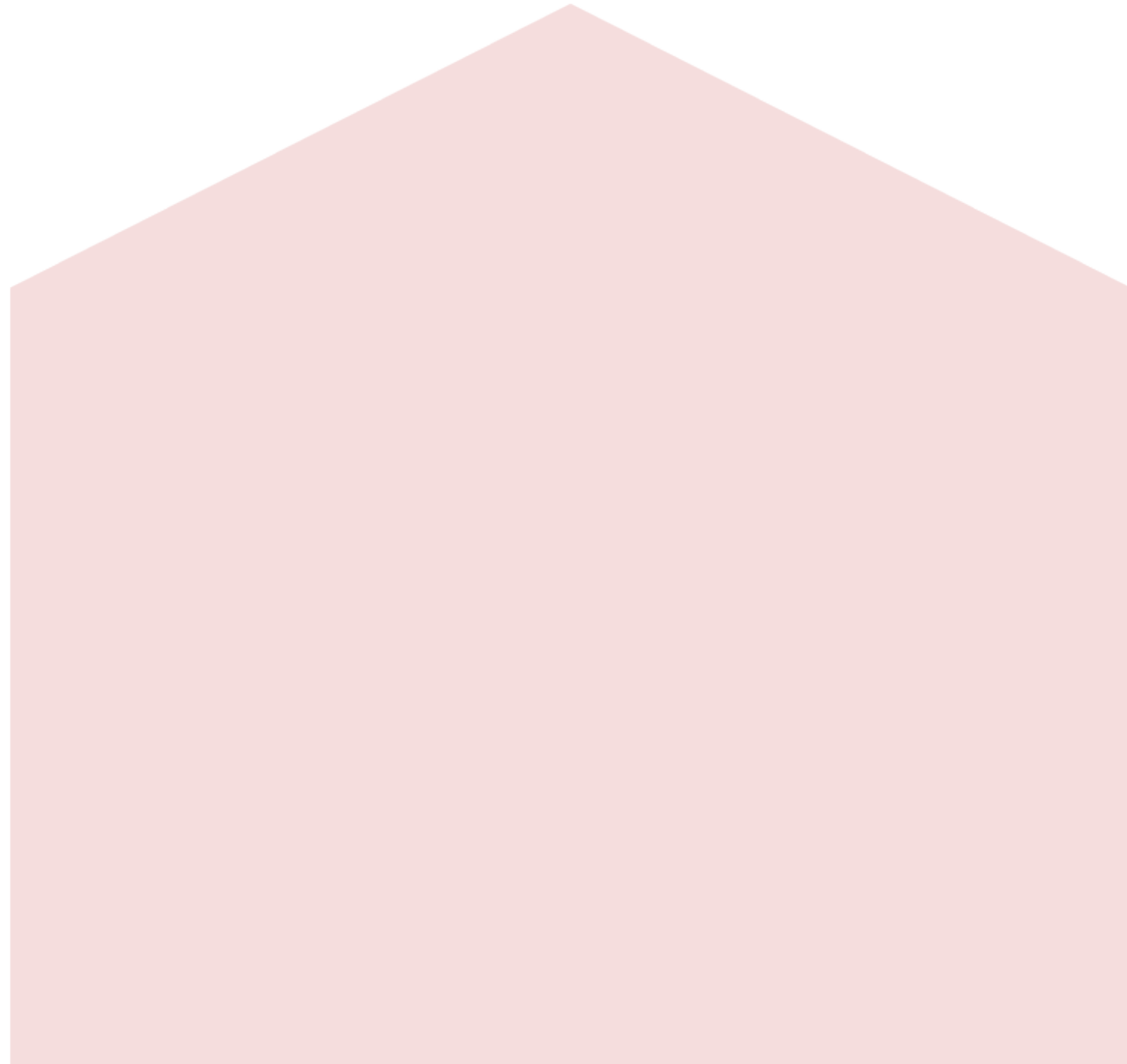


AGM 2024

Member Briefing

Wednesday 30 October 2024
18:30



AGM Meeting

Wednesday 13 November 2024

18:30

Hybrid | 30 Euston Square and Online

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Business Items

- 3 Resolutions relating to minutes of previous meeting; election of Fellows; and appointment of external auditor.
- Reports from Chair of Council, Chair of Trustee Board – each will take questions after report.
- Presentation of annual report and accounts for year ending 31 March 2024, from Honorary Treasurer, followed by questions.

Special Resolution 4

Composition of Trustee Board

- Moves the Chair of Audit and Risk position from Observer status to full member status. More accountable. Best practice.
- This is best governance practice and current observer status risks legal trusteeship under Charities Act 2011.
- Would result in five Independent Trustees from current four.
- Members (GPs) continue to be a majority of Board members (would be 8 to 5).
- This includes the Chair of Trustee Board, who is a GP member, and elected by Council and is a member of Council.
- Three of the Council Officers, directly elected by Council, are ex officio Trustee.
- The four Member Trustees are members of Council and elected by Council.

Role of Independent Trustees

- Voluntarily, unpaid, Independent Trustees, and the specialist skills, knowledge and experience they bring is widely recognised within the Board, and this complements the member trustees. Both work together in the best interest of the organisation.
- Appointed through a rigorous appointment process with appointment ratified by Council.
- All Trustees – member or Independent – work together as one team to further the College's objects.
- Trustee Board supports Council's work, and Council retains responsibility for professional policy and leadership of the profession.

Audit and Risk Committee

Works on behalf of, and report to, Trustee Board on following areas:

- (a) reviews the annual report and accounts and the Audit Findings Report and both provides the Board with assurance on this and/or raises any concerns;
- (b) reviews the organisational strategic risk register before submission to the Board and provides assurance that risks have been identified and mitigated and managed appropriately
- (c) undertakes a programme of internal audits to provide assurance that internal financial and governance controls and processes are in place and working effectively
- (d) monitors potential and active legal risks to the College and report to the Board; and
- (e) provides assurance to the Board that the College is undertaken it's agreed legal and compliance responsibilities around health and safety, complaints and whistleblowing.

Specialist Independent Trustee for Audit and Risk

RCGP is committed to delivery best corporate governance practice and under article 15A(e) of the RCGP Supplementary Charter, agree to follow the UK Corporate Governance Code.

Code requires skills competence in this area, including relevant financial experience/qualifications.

The Audit and Risk Committee has member/GP representation and is majority member/GP (3 to 2).

Special Resolution 5: Change of Nomenclature of President and Chair of Council

- These changes relate to the changing of titles: from 'Chair of Council' to 'President', and from 'President' to either 'Provost' or 'Chancellor'.
- Council supported measure with 74.5% approval vote.
- The eligibility, nomination and electorate for both posts remains as the status quo.
- The Council Officers – the new President role and their Officers – continue, to be elected from, nominated by, and voted by Council. Once elected, they will continue to be accountable to Council.
- The new Provost or Chancellor role – will continue to be voted by all member national vote.
- Change to titles relates to (UK) Council only and doesn't affect devolved councils, who retain their own rules.

Resolution 6 Designation of AiTs

- Those who hold the 'Associate' membership grade and are undertaking training in general practice are known internally as 'Associates in Training' (AiTs).
- At its meeting in September 2024, Council decided to discontinue the term AiT and adopt the term 'GP Registrars'. This followed calls from our AiT Community Group to find a name that elicits a greater sense of belonging and is more widely understood.
- The Resolution changes the terminology referenced in the Byelaws, so GP Registrars can – as AiTs did – vote in the Presidential (or new name if changed) elections.