

the college

Annual elections – Honorary Officers

Notice to Fellows and Members

Fellows and Members of the College are reminded of their rights in connection with the forthcoming elections for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor and Librarian. All Honorary Officers are eligible for re-election with the exception of Dr Michael Shooter, who is in his fifth year of office as Registrar.

The nominating meeting of the Council will be held on 5 February and the last date for receiving nominations will therefore be 4 March. The relevant Bye-laws and Regulations are printed below.

1. Extracts from the bye-laws

Section XII – the other Honorary Officers

- (1) The Council shall, in accordance with the regulations, make its nominations for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor and Librarian at the first meeting after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known. Written nominations for the above Honorary Offices, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may also be lodged with the Registrar at such time as may be prescribed by the Regulations, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than 12 Members of the College who are not members of the Council.
- (2) The Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor and Librarian shall be elected from among the Fellows, by the Members of the College, in each case in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the regulations.

Section XIV – the Registrar and Deputy Registrars

- (3) The Registrar shall hold office as such for a term of not more than 5 consecutive College years.

Extract from the regulations

Section XII – Election of the other Honorary Officers

- (1) The method of electing the Honorary Officers other than the President, the Vice-Presidents, Sub-Deans and Deputy Registrars shall be the same as that for electing the President*, nominations from Members of the College who are not members of the Council shall be lodged with the Registrar between the first day of June in any calendar year and the date that is 4 clear weeks after the meeting of the Council, which is the first held after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known.

*That is, written nominations, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may be lodged with the Registrar, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than 12 Members of the College who are not members of the Council. An election by ballot shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the regulations.

Report of the Ethnic Issues Project Group

Council Report CR92

£5.00. 16 pp.

A project group was convened under the Chairmanship of the President, Professor John Cox to review the College's work in relation to ethnic issues in psychiatric training and practice.

The project group reviewed the Council Report on Psychiatric Practice and Training in a Multi-Ethnic Society (CR48), published in 1996, which followed an original report produced in 1987.

Several important recommendations to be taken on board by the College were put forward, including:

- undertaking a systematic review of its structures and introducing measures to eliminate any discriminatory practices
- appropriate training to ensure that all psychiatrists are culturally sensitive and culturally competent in their therapies
- ensuring that members of the College are aware of the possibility of discrimination or abuse when applying mental health legislation to people of Black and other ethnic minorities: discriminatory practices by members of the College will not be tolerated
- ensuring equal access to services for all Black and other ethnic minority communities
- continuing dialogue with all relevant user groups, including Black user groups
- the establishment of an Ethnic Issues Committee, as a Special Committee of Council.

The remit of the Ethnic Issues Committee, which will focus on carrying forward the report's recommendations, will also include the regular monitoring of examination results, election results and nominations for distinction awards. One of its first priorities will be to prepare a comprehensive equality strategy for the College.

The Ethnicity and Health Unit from the University of Central Lancashire has been appointed to undertake the external review of College structures, working closely with the College. This review has now been initiated and will be continuing over the next 3 years.

The full report is available from the College's Book Sales Office (tel: 020 7235 2351, ext. 146) and can be downloaded from the College's website at <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/publications/CR/CR92.htm>.

corrigendum

On pages 388 and 390 of the article written by L. Ogundipe *et al* (*Psychiatric Bulletin*, October 2001, **25**, 388–390)

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