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diverse and inclusive society

Updating the BPS Charter, Statutes and Rules

Voting is open now until 12 noon on 11 February 2022.

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We've been working alongside our members to look at ways to modernise our member grades and reform our governance structures and we're now at the point where we are asking our members to support these reforms by voting to make some important changes to our charter, statutes and rules.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BPS MEMBER GRADES

New grades of membership	The addition of two new grades of membership: Associate Member with eligibility to those who are part of the wider psychological workforce who hold specific BPS accredited qualifications. Full Member with eligibility to those who hold GBC (or equivalent) and who are able to demonstrate expertise beyond Graduate achievement, gained through experience or qualifications.
Student Membership	Expansion of the grade to include students on any BPS accredited programme, not just those leading to GBC.
Direct evidence of competence	Acceptance of a portfolio-based Professional Recognition route, as well as qualifications, in assessing eligibility for a membership grade. This is a change from practice, which has been qualifications only.
Associate Fellow and Fellow	Changes in the awarding criteria, including the removal of the requirement for nominations for Fellow by two existing Fellows.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO GOVERNANCE

Chair of the Board of Trustees	Creating a new role of Chair of the Board of Trustees by separating this function from the role of President.
Chair of Senate	Chair will become a Trustee, bringing enhanced member representation at board level.
New Trustee roles	Two new Trustees roles which are directly elected by members.
Independent Trustees	Appointing up to three independent Trustees from outside BPS membership with specific expertise in key areas such as finance and HR.
Presidential term	Extending the term of office of President from one to two years to ensure more continuity.
Trustee term	Setting maximum terms of office for Trustees to maximise opportunities for new Trustees who may bring a different perspective and diversity to the Board.

For more information: www.bps.org.uk/member-vote-2022