



Trustee Elections

Eligibility

All full BCVSp members are eligible to stand for election to the board of trustees and to vote in the trustee elections provided that they have an active online member account at <https://yourvetspecialist.org/membership/>. Veterinarians who are Members or Fellows of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons are eligible to join BCVSp if they fulfill at least one of the following criteria:

1. Active listing on the RCVS List of Recognised Specialists.
2. Hold a Diploma from a specialty college recognized by EBVS.
3. Hold a Diploma from a specialty college recognized by AVMA-ABVS
4. Hold a Diploma awarded by the RCVS
5. Hold FRCPath.

General Requirements of Trustees

A copy of BCVSp's constitution is available at <https://yourvetspecialist.org/about/>. Trustees are responsible for ensuring the organization is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, is directed and governed appropriately and its resources are managed responsibly. Prospective election candidates may find the following information helpful:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved#trustees-6-main-duties>

Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees for an initial term of 1 year; thereafter trustees can serve two more terms before being required to stand down for at least one year. Specific roles available are defined by the Board of Trustees with the aim of ensuring that the group is representative of all British Veterinary Specialists. Trustees meet by teleconference at least four times per year and face-to-face less frequently. Attendance at meetings with other veterinary associations may be required, usually in London. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Specific Trustee Roles available for 2020

We are seeking to appoint at least three new trustees in 2020. At least one of these will take specific responsibility for increasing recruitment and engagement of members from the **small animal sector** and at least one will represent the **production animal sector**.

There are various roles which must be filled by members of the trustee board in 2020; including a new **secretary** to join our executive team. The secretary will arrange trustee meetings, keep minutes and, in conjunction with other members of the executive, determine trustee meeting agendas. We are also looking for a trustee to serve as **International Liaison**. This primarily involves representing the UK at EBVS meetings which take place annually. Finally, one trustee is needed to take responsibility for overseeing BCVSp activity in relation to **Clinical Standards** including liaising with our Clinical Audit Working Group and representing BCVSp in discussions with the RCVS Practice Standards Group.

All trustees will be expected to create content for forums which will shortly be available in the member-only section of our website. Additionally, trustees are also likely to be asked to take responsibility for specific initiatives or projects throughout their tenure.

Application process

You can download the application form in the reports section of the hub (<https://yourvetspecialist.org/the-hub/>)

Please complete our application form and email to president@yourvetspecialist.org together with a photograph in jpg format. A "head shot" is preferred.

- Closing date for election applications: 30 September 2019.
- Election material will be posted on the BCVSp website shortly afterwards
- Election voting online: 1 – 22 November 2019.
- Results confirmed by BCVSp trustees: 27 November 2019
- Initial trustee term 1/1/20 – 31/12/20; the elected trustees are expected to be willing to accept reappointment for two subsequent one-year terms