

## **Suggested changes to FFLM Standing Orders – AGM - May 2019**

### **1. Renaming of Committee**

Replace all 11 mentions of “Fellowship Committee” with “Membership and Fellowship Committee”

Also amend section B3

Add Nurse Licentiate and Paramedic Licentiate to the composition list of the committee

### **2. Membership by Equivalent Qualification**

2.3.2 Medically and Legally qualified practitioners who hold a substantive coronial post in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or a substantive post of Procurator Fiscal in Scotland or a Medically qualified practitioner who hold a substantive coronial post in the Republic of Ireland.

2.3.3 Forensic pathologists who hold specialist registration with the GMC as a Forensic Pathologist.

2.3.4 Forensic psychiatrists who hold specialist registration with the GMC as a Forensic Psychiatrist.

### **3. Foundation Membership / Fellowship**

2.3.5 The Foundation Membership route is now only available to Dento-Legal Advisers and applications must be received before 23.59 on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

2.3.6 Foundation Membership (DLA) will be restricted to doctors or dental practitioners who are registered with the GDC / GMC or equivalent, who have a relevant qualification as determined from time to time by the Membership & Fellowship Committee of the Faculty and who have at least three years' experience as a Dento-Legal Adviser employed by a medical or dental defence organisation.

2.6.1 The Foundation Fellowship route is now only available to Dento-Legal Advisers and applications must be received before 23.59 on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

2.6.2 Foundation Fellowship (DLA) will be restricted to doctors or dental practitioners who are registered with the GDC / GMC or equivalent, who have a relevant qualification as determined from time to time by the Membership & Fellowship Committee of the Faculty and who have at least five years' experience as a Dento-Legal Adviser employed by a medical or dental defence organisation and who can provide evidence of the significant contribution they have made to their specialty.

#### **4. Misconduct**

2.16 Line 2 add "Paramedic Member"

#### **5. Postal Ballot**

Delete 4 mentions of "Postal" at 3.3.2, 3.4.2, 3.5.2, 4.5

(See also Standing Orders section 10 "Electronic communications and written communications")

##### **President**

3.3.2 A ballot paper and details, as given on the nomination form of each candidate for election to President, shall be sent by email to all Licentiates, Members and Fellows using their registered email address. A security system designed to ensure the integrity of the voting system will be in place. The ballot paper shall be sent not less than eight calendar months before the Annual General Meeting.

3.3.3 The ballot paper shall be constructed in such a way as to be used in a transferable voting procedure designated by the Board.

3.3.4 Ballot papers shall be returned either by email to a specified Faculty email address or by post to the Faculty Offices so as to reach the returning officer on or before the date and time notified and in accordance with any direction set out on the ballot paper this date shall be not less than four weeks after their distribution failing which any votes cast will be null and void.

##### **Vice President**

3.4.2 A ballot paper and details, as given on the nomination form of each candidate for election to Vice President, shall be sent by email to all Licentiates, Members and Fellows using their registered email address. A security system designed to ensure integrity of the voting system will be in place. The ballot paper shall be sent not less than two calendar months before the Annual General Meeting.

3.4.3 The ballot paper shall be constructed in such a way as to be used in a transferable voting procedure designated by the Board. Licentiates, Members and Fellows may only vote for one representative class.

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##### **Registrar & Treasurer**

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### **Ordinary Members**

4.5.1 A ballot paper and details, as given on the nomination form of each candidate for election to as an Ordinary Member, shall be sent by email to all Licentiates, Members and Fellows using their registered email address. A security system designed to ensure integrity of the voting system will be in place. The ballot paper shall be sent not less than two calendar months before the Annual General Meeting.

4.5.2 A ballot paper and details, as given on the nomination form of each Nurse or Paramedic candidate for election as a Nurse or Paramedic Member, shall be sent by email to all Nurse and paramedic Licentiates using their registered email address. A security system designed to ensure integrity of the voting system will be in place. The ballot paper shall be sent not less than two calendar months before the Annual General Meeting.

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### **Fees & Subscriptions**

7.1 Add "Associates, Affiliates, "

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Registrar 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019