

Election results

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The results of the recent election of President are as follows:

Number of ballot papers distributed	8032
Number of ballot papers returned	3040
Number of invalid ballot papers	1
Number of valid ballot papers counted	3039 (38%)

First stage

John Cox	1090
David Goldberg	1085
John Gunn	864

Second stage

John Cox	1505
David Goldberg	1404
John Gunn	-
(non-transferable)	130)

Professor John Cox is therefore elected as President and will take Office from 1 July 1999

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Annual elections

Council and Court of Electors

Fellows and Members of the College are reminded of their rights in connection with the forthcoming elections for the vacancies on the Court of Electors and for Elected Members of Council. The relevant Bye-Laws and Regulations are printed below.

The nominating meeting of Council will be held on 29 April 1999 and the last date for receiving nominations will therefore be 27 May 1999.

Extracts from Bye-Laws and Regulations Bye-Law XXI THE COURT OF ELECTORS

4. At the first meeting of the Council in alternate years after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known, the Council shall nominate a sufficient number of candidates for appointment as Electors to ensure an election, which will be held by a postal ballot of all Members of the College in the manner prescribed by the Regulations. Additional nominations may be lodged with the Registrar between the beginning of the then

current calendar year and the end of four clear weeks after the meeting of the Council above referred to. No such nomination shall be valid unless it is supported in writing by twelve Members of the College and accompanied by the nominee's written consent to serve if elected.

Regulation XIX THE COUNCIL

2. Not less than two of the six elected Members of the Council and the two of the six elected Fellows shall be elected or re-elected each alternate year subject to the overall condition that no elected member shall serve on Council for more than six years in that capacity without a break of at least one year. At its first meeting in each alternate College year after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known, the Council shall nominate for election to the Council two Members and two Fellows of the College. Any nominee who is proposed and seconded and gives his or her consent in writing to serve shall be validly nominated. Any twelve Members of the College may make nominations in writing at any time between the first day of January in each

alternate year and the date which is four weeks clear after the meeting of the Council at which its nominations are made. Nominations other than those made by the Council shall be lodged with the Registrar and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate to serve if elected. Should there be more nominations than vacancies, an election shall be held by ballot of the Members of the College. The ballot paper shall not indicate the method of nomination or the names of those nominating. If the number of nominees does not exceed the number of vacancies, these nominees shall be declared elected at the first meeting, whether of the Council or the Executive and Finance Committee, after the expiry of the period of four clear weeks in this paragraph referred to.

Honorary Officers

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, although the Treasurer, Professor Kolvin, does not wish to stand for re-election.

The nominating meeting of Council will be held on 29 April 1999 and the last date for receiving nominations will therefore be 27 May 1999. The relevant Bye-Laws and Regulations are printed below.

Extracts from Bye-Laws and Regulations Bye-Law XII THE HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The Council shall in accordance with the Regulations, make its nominations for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor, 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 twelve 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.

Regulation XII ELECTION OF THE OTHER HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The method of electing the Honorary Officers other than the President and the Vice-Presidents and Sub-Deans shall be the same as that for electing the President,* save that nominations from Members of the College who are not members of the Council shall be lodged with the Registrar between the first day of January in any calendar year and the date which is four clear weeks after the meeting of the Council which is first held after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known, or (as the case may be) which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Council which, in the case of a tie on the second ballot, determines the election of the President.

*i.e. 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 twelve 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.

Honorary Fellowships

Anne Dean

Nominations to the College's Honorary Fellowship will be discussed at the June meeting of the Court of Electors.

The regulations of the College state under Bye-Law Section VI that:

"Subject to the Regulations the College may elect as an Honorary Fellow any person, whether or not he is a member of the medical profession, who either is eminent in psychiatry or in allied or connected sciences or disciplines or has rendered distinguished