

BVA Council recent graduate representative – role description

Overall purpose

To further the achievement of BVA's mission of representing the veterinary profession and helping members fulfil their professional roles.

To ensure that BVA Council pursues its objectives and fulfils its primary role of:

- being the representative body of the members and representing the members' views on matters of veterinary policy;
- advising the Board on matters of veterinary policy;
- approving new members of the Association (and removal) and recommending for election honorary members, honorary associates and life members; and
- recommending for election Council's preferred candidates for President and President-Elect.

Duties and activities

As one of the two primary points of contact between BVA and graduates 1-8 years qualified, duties include:

- Leading on the Young Vet Network community forum.
- Contributing actively to the role thereby enabling representation of young vets.
- Attending a minimum of three of the four annual meetings of BVA Council.
- Contributing actively to the work of BVA Council outside of the meetings and communicating the views of recent graduates on the community forum
- Ensuring papers are available to recent graduate members on the community forum prior to BVA Council meetings.
- Ensuring that the consensus of recent graduates is represented at BVA Council.

- Ensuring the minutes of BVA Council are available to recent graduate members on the community forum.
- Liaising closely with and supporting the other recent graduate representative on BVA Council
- Safeguarding and promoting the good name and values of BVA.
- Promoting BVA membership where appropriate.

In addition to the duties listed above, recent graduate representatives should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they may have to help BVA Council reach sound decisions.

Person specification

- Membership of BVA and commitment to the Young Vet Network
- Commitment to promoting and furthering the ideals of the BVA in particular and the profession in general.
- Interest in and some knowledge of veterinary politics.
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to fulfil the specified duties and activities.
- Willingness to speak on behalf of recent graduates.
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
- Comfortable with electronic communication.

Benefit

- Complimentary BVA membership for the duration of the role OR free entry to BVA Congress