

Branch Constitution

Update to Officer terms

- 1) BVA's three Devolved branches currently use different Presidential term structures, and we wish to standardise them. The current Welsh Branch model requires members to serve six consecutive years – two each as Junior Vice President, President, and Senior Vice President – which may discourage potential candidates.
- 2) We propose adopting the model used for BVA Scottish Branch, which would see members serve a four-year officer term, and would require recruiting only one new volunteer every two years. Officers would have the option to join Council after their term has finished if they wish to continue.
- 3) If members agree, the Welsh Branch constitution would be updated to read as follows:
 - *A Member shall be elected to serve one year as (Junior) Vice President followed by two years as President and one year as (Senior) Vice President.*
 - *A new Member shall be elected to begin their term of office as (Junior) Vice President at the same time as the incumbent enters their second year as President. Therefore, during a Member's first year as President there shall also be a (Senior) Vice President and during the second there shall also be a (Junior) Vice President.*

Full constitution

- 4) The full constitution can be found at **Annex A** with the updated sections highlighted in yellow
- 5) **Members are invited to ratify the proposed constitution of Welsh Branch 2026/2027**

NB: If supported by BVA Welsh Branch, the change in Officer terms will be formally ratified by BVA Board at their next meeting