

Proposed New BSG Trainee Section Constitution

This Section forms part of the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG), to which section members must be paid up trainees members. The section will consist of a committee, led by the chairman, and ordinary section members. The section committee will constitute regional representatives which will be democratically elected via the BSG.

The main objectives of the section are to:

- Provide representation of Gastroenterology trainees at the BSG and other specialist organisations.
- To improve links between the BSG and Gastroenterology trainees. The section will endeavour to represent the views of all Gastroenterology trainees regardless of membership status
- To provide a forum for members to discuss matters related to training and the transition to future posts.
- To provide an opportunity for members meetings for both educational and social purposes.

Rules

The committee will consist of 18 members elected on a regional basis to represent the following areas;

- East of England
- East Midlands (representing the LNR and Trent rotations)
- Mersey
- Northern
- Northern Ireland
- North West
- Oxford
- East Scotland (representing the North, East and South East Scotland rotations)
- West Scotland
- NE Thames
- NW Thames
- SE Thames
- SW Thames
- South West (representing the Severn and Peninsula rotations)
- Wales
- Wessex
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire and Humber (representing the North and South Yorks rotations)

Voting to elect committee members will occur annually and will be handled by the BSG office.

Nominations for each region will be sought from the membership and members will be notified of candidates prior to the vote. Regions are to be defined based on training rotations. Potential committee members must be BSG members and must hold a training post within the region they wish to represent.

Committee members will serve a maximum three year term of office. If a committee member obtains a consultant post prior to the completion of their 3rd year they will stand down at the first vote following their consultant appointment. If at the point of standing down from the committee, ex-committee members are involved in trainee section work they can be co-opted on to the committee for a defined period of time to complete their involvement and to aid continuity to projects.

The chair and secretary shall be elected from within the committee and serve a one year term. In the event of a tied vote the out going chair has the casting vote. The chair may only serve one term of office but the secretary may be subsequently elected chair. Following completion of their term of office the outgoing chair will be invited to remain on the committee for one further year in the role of "Ex-Chair" in order to promote continuity of the Trainees' Section's work. Should this year represent a fourth year on the committee the Ex-Chair will occupy a 19th supra-numery position and no longer represent a region.

The committee shall meet a minimum of twice a year. The number of committee members necessary for a quorum shall be eight. Committee members who miss 2 consecutive committee meetings without good reason may be asked by the chair to step down from the committee.

This constitution was ratified by the BSG Council and Trainees Section committee March 2011

Role of the BSG Trainees Section

This does not form part of the constitution but is included here to clarify the role of the trainees section. This is subject to annual review – last review March 2011

- To represent the views of trainees at a national level
- To enhance the visibility of the BSG within training schemes
- To undertake regular surveys of trainees opinions
- To communicate issues relevant to trainees via regular mailshots
- To organise a symposium at the BSG annual meeting
- To plan the content of, and help organise, an annual BSG SpR training day
- To organise an annual SpR management training weekend
 - In order to fund this the TS will pursue unrestricted educational grants from e.g. the pharmaceutical industry

- To continue the BSG TS awards – namely, The OOPE award, The Training Award and the awards for best oral presentation and best poster
- To regularly attend the BSG committees to represent trainees views
- To collaborate with the BSG to run the interactive cases and case of the month series