

## HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

### Process for the election of the Vice President of the Council

#### Introduction

The Health Professions Order 2001 does not provide for the election of a Vice-President but that position is provided for in the Standing Orders of the Council. The role of the Vice-President is to chair meetings of the Council when the President is absent and to represent the Council, in place of the President, at external events.

The Vice-President is elected to serve a four year term unless he or she:

- resigns as President;
- ceases to be a member of the Council; or
- is removed by a majority vote of the other members of the Council.

#### Process

- The Vice-President will be elected at the next meeting of the Council following the end of term of appointment of the preceding Vice-President.
- Unless an election for the office of President is also to be held, the election of the Vice-President will be the first item on the agenda of that meeting. If an election for both posts is to be held then the election of the Vice-President will be the second item on the agenda. The Registrar will chair the meeting for that agenda item.
- The Registrar will ask members of Council to nominate candidates (other than the President) for Vice-President.
- In the event that only one member is nominated then, unless the Council decides to the contrary, that person will be appointed as Vice-President.
- If more than one member is nominated, then a secret ballot will be conducted, by the Secretary of the Council, among the members present.
- Before the ballot is conducted each candidate will be given the opportunity, if they so wish, to address the Council for not more than five minutes.
- The members nominated may scrutinise the ballot process or appoint another member to do so on their behalf.
- The Registrar will announce the result of the ballot to the meeting and the winning candidate will be appointed as Vice-President.



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