



PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Post description

Introduction

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) is the leading professional body for public health specialists and practitioners in the UK, with a membership of over 5,000 professionals around the world. The Faculty is a registered charity and a joint faculty of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK.

The Faculty is governed by a democratically elected Board of Trustees. Chaired by the President, it is the ultimate decision-making body within the organisation. The trustees have independent control over, and legal responsibility for, the charity's management and administration. All trustees, and election candidates for Board positions, are advised to read the Charity Commission's guide on "[the essential trustee what you need to know, what you need to do](#)". The Faculty's governing document is its [Standing Orders](#).

The President provides strategic leadership to the organisation and acts as an ambassador to promote and develop the work of the Faculty. The President is elected for a term of three years.

Primary responsibilities

The President will:

1. Inspire and harness the energies and commitment of the whole organisation – including officers, members and staff – around a clear vision for FPH, and line manage the CEO.
2. Develop and lead a high-functioning and effective Board – where the principal role of the Board is to decide on and then regularly assess progress against an agreed ambitious but realistic organisational strategy.
3. Work effectively with Faculty officers, the Executive Committee, CEO and senior management team (SMT) – in a supportive and collaborative way – to prioritise and successfully deliver the agreed strategic objectives of the organisation.
4. In partnership with the officers, Executive Committee, SMT and the Board, build and actively maintain a network of very senior public health and wider health decision makers in support of, and to further, FPH's agreed strategic priorities.
5. Be the main champion and spokesperson for FPH as an organisation in order to:
 - Promote FPH to the public health and wider health community

- Encourage new members to join and, especially, inspire the new generation of public health professionals
 - Encourage member retention
 - Advocate on behalf of FPH and its members
6. Lead, in conjunction with the CEO, the management of the FPH business function to ensure effective business management and financial balance for the organisation.
7. Model FPH's organisational values at all times and encourage and expect those around them to do the same, and particularly play a role in valuing and championing a healthy organisation.

External relations/representation

The President will represent FPH at appropriate external bodies, including the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges.

Committees

The President will chair the FPH Board, Executive Committee, Officers Group, Remuneration Committee and annual general meeting, and will be an ex-officio member of all other FPH committees.

Reporting

The President will report to the Faculty's annual general meeting, the Board and the Executive Committee.

Signing authority/officer

The President will sign or countersign documents and authorise payments through electronic banking on behalf of the Board.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

1. Knowledge, skills and experience

- Fellow of FPH elected or appointed under Standing Order 9
- Be in good standing with FPH including meeting its requirements for CPD
- Proven track record in organisational leadership
- Experience in formulating a wide range of policy, and developing and implementing new strategies and procedures
- Experience of management and governance issues
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- Ability to analyse and interpret statistical and financial data
- Knowledge of media and public relations principles and practices

- Professional written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
 - Ability to communicate and interact with officials at all levels of government and to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies
 - Ability to work effectively as a member of a team
 - Commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership
 - Willingness to work a flexible schedule and travel within the UK and overseas
2. **Have very strong communication, negotiation and influencing skills, high emotional intelligence** and be respected by their peers.
 3. **Be someone who can open doors** – this means having good access to a network of influencers and decision-makers but more importantly it is about an inclusive and welcoming approach.
 4. **Have a good understanding of the influencing/policy-making process** – alongside a willingness to learn more.
 5. **Be willing to learn and develop and be seen by their colleagues as learning and developing** – ie modelling this crucial behaviour for others to copy.
 6. **Have very strong programme leadership and management skills** – including effective planning, management, delivery, evaluation and governance of committee and special interest group projects, and be able to model and coach these skills for others to learn.

The Faculty of Public Health is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, and to tackling any form of racism or violence. We are committed to minority ethnic representation at our senior leadership level and support our leaders in understanding the issues experienced by these communities.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Office facilities will be provided if required at the FPH headquarters in London. Some home-working or work from a professional base may be required. Work may require evening and weekend work and travel. An indicative time commitment is a minimum 12-14 hours per week.

The post is non-remunerated, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in line with the FPH expenses policy.

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