

# Electoral Regulations

## 1. Introduction

These regulations are made to govern the conduct of elections required by the Royal Society of Chemistry and are approved by the Board of Trustees. These regulations may not be altered from the time nominations open until the election result is officially declared.

## 2. Equality and Diversity

2.1. The Electoral Regulations are designed to ensure that every member has an equal chance of taking up an opportunity to contribute to the work of the RSC and in doing so fulfil their potential.

2.2. The RSC wishes to encourage broad representation on our governance bodies, drawing upon those with industry, academic or other relevant backgrounds, and to have members who can represent the diversity of the RSC's membership in terms of geographical location, gender, ethnicity and age, and interest in the breadth of the chemical sciences.

## 3. Vacancies

The following vacancies will occur at the Annual General Meeting on 1 July 2024:

- RSC President
- Elected members of Boards
- Subject Community Presidents
- Elected members of Subject Community Councils

## 4. Nominations

### 4.1. Self-nomination

Any member, regardless of membership category, may self-nominate for one vacancy (this does not prevent a self-nominating member from being nominated for another vacant position by either the Nominations Committee, any other RSC Board or Committee or another member).

### 4.2. Other nomination

Any member, regardless of membership category, may nominate members for election. All such

AGM, for a three-year term, until the close of the 2027 AGM. 'Active' in this context means experience of serving on a network committee within the past five years.

5.2.2. There will be one vacancy for an elected member of the Professional Standards Board (PSB) to take office from the close of the 2024 AGM for a three-year term until the close of the 2027 AGM. Any member is eligible for nomination to serve on PSB.

5.2.3. For each vacant position, the Nominations Committee will:

- establish that each nomination is valid,
- confirm each member's willingness to serve if elected,
- produce a shortlist of candidates who meet the requirements of the role descriptor and can demonstrate the requisite of skills and experience to fulfil the role,
- put forward the shortlist of candidates for election.

### 5.3. Subject Community Presidents

5.3.1. There will be a vacancy for President of the Dalton Community, and the Organic Chemistry Community to serve one-year as President Elect from the AGM in July 2024 and assume the respective office of Community President from the close of the 2025 AGM until the close of the 2028 AGM. This is then followed by a period as Immediate Past President, typically four months.

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