



The British Psychological Society

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Supplementary information

Candidates seeking co-option or appointment to an office within the member network committee are invited to submit a personal statement for circulation to members of the committee. Candidate's biographical details, as listed on the form, will be passed along to the committee.

Candidates are asked to provide a personal statement (which **must not be more than 300 words**), rather than a specific manifesto. Candidates preparing a statement might like to include information about their past and present services to the Society as well as the following:

Qualifications

Whilst qualifications in psychology are obviously relevant, many will have other qualifications at various levels which could make them more attractive candidates. CPD should not be omitted from this section, which should also include the person's status within the Society.

Experience

Both occupational and Society experience is relevant. Work roles may prepare candidates to undertake responsibilities on behalf of the Society. This section also allows candidates to refer to major achievements.

Interests

The intention is to try to get a picture of the candidates underlying motivations and objectives without asking for a manifesto. In a way, it could be an answer to the "Why do you want to stand?" question.

Effective commitment

This helps ascertain the interested person's availability to fulfill the required role within the Society.

Candidates may choose not to make a statement

Completed personal statements, upon receipt, will be assumed the nominees have declared their intention to be candidates in a forthcoming committee deliberation for co-options and that this information is not confidential. It may be disclosed to any members on request (e.g. other members asking if there will be any other candidates).