

RCPsych Extraordinary General Meeting (Special Meeting)

8 September 2022 6.00 – 9.00pm

Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was held face-to-face on Thursday 8 September at 21 Prescott Street (the Primary Location) and satellite venues across the UK in Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Exeter, Ipswich, Leeds, Newcastle. The meeting was also streamed online. There were 205 face-to-face attendees and 77 people joined online. The meeting was chaired by the President, Dr Adrian James.

The Meeting was held to consider and vote on proposed amendments to the Bye Laws and the Supplemental Charter by passing the following resolutions:

- Resolutions 1 and 2 – To extend voting rights to Affiliate members.
- Resolution 3 – To allow the College to hold virtual general meetings, as a matter of course, in perpetuity.

Background

The President highlighted the rules and regulations that the College must follow.

A package of 11 proposals had been put forward by the Honorary Officers at the AGM in June, which was attended by around 500 people in person and online. The first vote was supported by 62% of those attending in person or online. The support of two-thirds of AGM attendees was required to pass the Resolution and so the proposals were not approved.

The Resolutions

Three Resolutions were proposed by the President, having consulted with the Honorary Officers and Council and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, as was the case with the original set of 11 proposals put to the AGM.

Resolutions 1 and 2 – To extend voting rights to Affiliate members.

The President explained the background to these Resolutions, which together would grant voting rights to Affiliates. The votes for Resolution 1 and 2 relate to updating two different documents (the Supplemental Charter and the Bye Laws).

Resolution 3 – To allow the College to hold virtual general meetings, as a matter of course, in perpetuity.

Discussion of Resolutions 1 and 2 (To extend voting rights to Affiliate members)

The Resolutions were opened for comments and questions from members with several members speaking from the Belfast and then Birmingham venues.

During the discussion the President informed the meeting that HM Queen Elizabeth II had died and led a minute's silence. The President then declared that in these circumstances it would not be appropriate to continue and so the meeting was closed at 6.30pm

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