



73rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEES

THURSDAY 6 - FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2024

ONLY members of Conference who are representing their Local Dental Committee will be entitled to vote in the following elections:

ELECTION OF AN HONORARY TREASURER

ELECTION OF TWO HONORARY AUDITORS

ELECTION OF ONE CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GPC

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO BRITISH DENTAL GUILD BOARD OF MANAGERS

However, members of Conference who are representing their Local Dental Committees AND GPC representatives WILL be entitled to vote in the ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT (*to chair the Conference in 2026*)

Observers at Conference are not entitled to vote.

Nominations received to date are detailed below. Nominations for the majority of Conference posts shall also be taken from the floor of the Conference as set out in the Standing Orders.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT (TO CHAIR THE CONFERENCE IN 2026)

To attend LDC Conference Agenda Committee meetings, and the Conference itself, for three years as Chair-Elect, Chair and Immediate Past Chair. The Chair Elect will also be required to attend other meetings, including the LDC Officials' Day and the Scottish LDC Conference. All travel, expenses and loss of earnings can be claimed from the LDC Conference Fund when attending meetings sanctioned by the LDC Conference Committee. The Chair and Chair-elect are also ex-officio members of the British Dental Guild.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Chair-Elect post will be made from the floor of the Conference.

2. ELECTION OF AN HONORARY TREASURER

Present Treasurer: Peter Hodgkinson - elected in 2019

As stated in Conference Standing Orders: it shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to receive monies forming the Conference Fund and to hold and disburse such monies in accordance with the instructions of the Annual Conference. He/she shall prepare and submit such accounts as the Conference shall require.

The Treasurer attends and reports to LDC Conference Agenda Committee meetings and the Conference itself. Travel, expenses and loss of earnings are payable by the LDC Conference Fund.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Honorary Treasurer post may also be made from the floor of the Conference.

NAME: PETER HODGKINSON REGION: Birmingham LDC

Nominee's supporting statement:

I have been privileged to hold the position of Honorary Treasurer to LDC Conference for just over four years and would really appreciate the opportunity to continue.

3. ELECTION OF TWO HONORARY AUDITORS

Required to liaise with the LDC Conference Honorary Treasurer concerning the annual accounts. Travel, expenses and loss of earnings payable by the LDC Conference Fund as sanctioned by the LDC Conference Committee.

Present Auditors: Jonathan Randall and Shiv Pabary

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the two Honorary Auditor posts may also be made from the floor of the Conference.

NAME: SHIV PABARY REGION: North Tyne LDC

Nominee's supporting statement:

I have enjoyed my role as honorary auditor this year and if re-elected, I will continue to carry out the necessary accounting due diligence with the team. I have been attending conference for over 25 years and am familiar with the costs and budgets to deliver a successful event.

NAME: JONATHAN RANDALL REGION: Bedfordshire LDC

Nominee's supporting statement:

I am happy to continue as an auditor of LDC Conference accounts for another year if conference is content for me to do so. Thank you for your support.

NAME: MARK HAIGH REGION: Gateshead and South Tyneside LDC

Nominee's supporting statement:

Over the last 10 years, I have been auditor to a specific sports business in Newcastle Upon Tyne, and if elected for this post, I will liaise with the treasurer and conference team to ensure the smooth running of this event.

4. ELECTION OF ONE CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Elected Representatives:

Agi Tarnowski	3 years ending 2024
Stuart Allan	3 years ending 2025
Roger Levy	3 years ending 2026

ONE VACANCY (3 years ending 2026)

The GDPC representatives elected at Conference are expected to attend the three GDPC meetings which take place throughout the year at BDA HQ. There are three Conference representatives, one is elected each year to the GDPC on a three-year rolling basis. Travel and expenses to cover attendance at meetings is claimed from the BDA. Loss of income can be claimed from the Treasurer of the Annual Conference.

Nominations must currently be made in advance but Conference will be asked to vote on an amendment to the Standing Orders to allow for nominations from the floor of the Conference also.

NOMINATIONS

NAME: AGI TARNOWSKI REGION: West Sussex LDC

Nominee's supporting statement:

As a dedicated GDPC representative and experienced dental professional, I've had the privilege of contributing to shaping the future of our profession for the past two triennia with a group of practitioners who I admire. It is a committee that has welcomed me and who's work tireless work inspires me to want to do more. With a background in both general practice and the CDS, I bring a wide-ranging understanding of various perspectives within dentistry. As Chair of my own West Sussex LDC and Routine Dentistry MCN in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, I consistent advocate for the needs of both patients and clinicians.

I am committed to striving for a future for dentistry within the NHS. As the number of associates leaving the NHS continues to rise, I believe it's crucial to advocate for career prospects within the system. Our profession is not just a job; it's a vocation driven by a shared responsibility to our patients and the wider community. I'm deeply invested in addressing the challenges we face and advocating for a new deal that better serves both patients and practitioners.

I bring not only clinical expertise but also a passion for ensuring the sustainability and quality of NHS dentistry. With your support, I aim to continue representing our profession with integrity, empathy, and a steadfast commitment to positive change.

NAME: RANJIT SINGH CHOHAN REGION: Birmingham LDC

Nominee's supporting statement

As Chair of Birmingham LDC, I am passionate about representing GDPs and ensuring their interests are heard. I seek to advocate for better outcomes and increased investment in NHS dentistry. Addressing recruitment and retention issues is crucial. I am ready to serve on the GDPC committee to make a meaningful impact in our profession.

5. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Current Members:

Elected 2021 - 24 – Russell Gidney, Gwent Local Dental Committee

Elected 2022 - 25 – Judith Husband, Northamptonshire Local Dental

Elected 2023 - 26 – Zoe Connelly, Wakefield Local Dental Committee

Nominations sought for the following:

One member to serve from 2024 to 2027

Further details about the posts:

Information concerning the duties of elected members to the LDC Conference Agenda Committee

At each Annual Conference one person shall be elected to the Conference Agenda Committee to hold office from the end of the Conference at which he is elected for a period of three years. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

The Agenda Committee consists of the Chair, Chair-Elect and Immediate Past Chair of the Annual Conference, the Honorary Treasurer, the Chair of the GDPC, and three Local Dental Committee representatives - members of Conference who are not members of the GDPC at the time of election.

Duties of the Agenda Committee, as set down in standing orders:

- to settle the order of the agenda for the Annual or any Special Conference
- to make recommendations to the Conference as to the conduct of the business and Conference arrangements generally
- to ensure that Conference resolutions are considered expeditiously by the GDPC or other appropriate bodies
- to report to the next Annual Conference

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Conference Agenda Committee role may also be made from the floor of the Conference.

NAME: Ranjit Singh Chohan

REGION: Birmingham LDC

Nominee's supporting statement:

As Chair of Birmingham LDC, I'm excited to bring fresh ideas to our conference. Let's make it dynamic, engaging, and full of meaningful debate. I'm committed to exploring innovative motions and ensuring our conference leaves a lasting impact. Allow me to contribute to shaping an inspiring event for our profession.

6. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO BRITISH DENTAL GUILD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Elected in 2020 - 24 M R H Haigh

Elected in 2021 - 25 H Jones

Elected in 2022 – 26 J Randall

Elected in 2023 - 27 S Pabary

Representatives of the British Dental Guild attend two meetings a year at the BDA London Office. Travel and sessional expenses can be claimed when attending these meetings, as sanctioned by the LDC Conference Committee.

One member to serve from 2024 to 2028.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Member of the BDG Board of Managers may also be made from the floor of the Conference.

NAME: MARK HAIGH REGION: Gateshead & South Tyneside LDC

Nominee's supporting statement:

I have been a manager on the British Dental Guild for 16 years and fully understand the necessity and portfolio management skills that are required to increase the Guild's total fund value, which enables it to provide financial support for those dentists who represent the profession outside their practising life.