



Communique

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COVID19

We are mindful of the huge impact that the COVID-19 virus is having on everyone. Indeed, we know that the pressure is likely to increase over the coming weeks and months, but we did not wish to cease communication completely. This is a shorter Newsletter than normal with a brief update on issues which may be time sensitive.

Rebate of 2020 Quota

As announced recently, the Board of the GPDF has agreed to reduce the quota for 2020 by 25% (1p per patient, from 4p to 3p). Where the 2020 quota has been paid in full the LMC may opt for repayment by BACS or a credit toward the 2021 quota.

Together with the recent fall in global stock markets this will increase the downward pressure on GPDF funds, but we fully understand that you may need financial support now.

Election of GPDF Directors

Formal notice will be sent to those Members of the GPDF listed in the Register of Members at close of business on 1 June 2020, but we wanted to give some advance warning of the elections at the AGM planned for September. At that meeting, in accordance with Articles 15 and 19.2 of the Company's Articles, three Directors will be elected by Members resident in each of the devolved administrations, but the candidates themselves do not need to be resident in any particular country.

If you wish to register your interest to stand for election to the GPDF Board, please email the Company Secretary (cosec@gpdf.org.uk) Information on the role, duties and current level of payment can be found on the GPDF website ([link here](#)) or email Hugh Christie, Company Secretary (cosec@gpdf.org.uk) if you have any specific questions.

The GPDF Board would very much welcome a diverse range of candidates to ensure the broadest possible representation of general practice.

Annual General Meeting

It remains our intention to hold our AGM in September, in London. However, depending upon restrictions caused by COVID-19 this may not be possible so we will advise Members of any revised arrangements in due course. We intend that the 2019 Annual Report and Financial Statements will be circulated electronically to all Members at the appropriate time.

Articles of Association

Many of you will be aware that the Articles of Association have been updated and were sent to the members of the GPDF for their approval. We are pleased to report that the nominees of 79% of LMCs supported the resolution to adopt the new Articles of Association, comfortably above the 75% level of support that was needed, and they will shortly be available on the website.

On behalf of the GPDF Board, the Chair wishes to thank the LMC nominees for responding so positively.

GPDF Medium to Long Term Strategy

Plans to establish a medium to long term strategy for GPDF are now in development. More details of this will be shared with LMCs in the coming months.

Contact us

GPDF engagement

For any matter regarding the role/remit of GPDF or engagement of GPDF with other organisations.

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GPDF policy regarding honoraria payments or expenses payment

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GPDF Membership

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