

THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING/BRITISH SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (BSCI/BSCCT)

CONSTITUTION

1. The Group shall be called the British Society of Cardiovascular Imaging and British Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography.
2. The objectives of the Group shall be to advance education for the public benefit in all aspects of cardiovascular imaging.

In furtherance of the above objects but not further or otherwise the Group shall have the following powers:

- (a) To promote the highest standards of practice of cardiovascular imaging in general and particularly cardiovascular CT in the British Isles.
 - (b) To promote the exchange of information, education and training in all aspects of cardiovascular imaging.
 - (c) To advise the Royal College of Radiologists and British Cardiovascular Society about cardiovascular imaging matters and lead on the national development of all aspects of cardiovascular CT.
3. The Group shall be autonomous, but have close links with the Royal College of Radiologists and British Cardiovascular Society. Links with other bodies will be made as appropriate.
4. Membership shall be open to all Clinicians practicing cardiovascular imaging, who have paid the annual subscription.

Associate membership shall be open to all medical trainees and non-medical personnel involved in cardiovascular imaging who have paid the annual subscription. This will be set at 50% of the membership fee.

Associate members will pay a reduced fee to attend BSCI/BSCCT meetings.

5. The subscription shall be fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time and shall be payable on the **1st January** annually to the Treasurer. Any member who fails to pay his subscription by **1st July** in the same year shall forfeit membership.

6. The management of the Group and its funds shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee of:

President
President - Elect
Immediate Past President
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer

Other posts include (but are not limited to*):

Chair of Education Committee
Chair of Accreditation Committee
Chair of Research Committee
Chair of Standards Committee
Lead for International Liaison
Communications Officer

* The President and the Executive have the power to amend the committee numbers and structure without recourse to a further election should the majority of the committee be in agreement, and it is clear that this supports the charitable aims of the society.

The Executive Committee shall comprise of cardiovascular imagers of whom at least 5 must be on the specialist register of the GMC in Clinical Radiology. The remaining Committee members may be from Cardiology, Radiology or Allied Specialties. All Committee members shall have a significant commitment to cardiovascular imaging (at least 2 sessions of cardiovascular imaging/week).

Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the membership (all full members who have paid the current subscription) for a 3-year term of office. Associate members are not eligible to vote or stand for election to the Committee. All Officers are eligible for re-election but no Officer

shall hold the same specific role on the committee for more than 6 years continuously.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the business of the Group, to make byelaws for regulating the conduct of the Group and to use the funds of the Group to promote its aims. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members/associate members on an ad hoc basis, for special advice, or to correct any specific imbalance of the Executive Committee and to represent members in training. With the exception of the President-Elect who will be voted in by the whole membership, the positions within the Executive Committee are to be determined by the Executive Committee following election by the membership. The core officers can only be elected from the existing Executive committee.

7. The President will have previously been elected by the Membership (as President-Elect). The President will be a member of the Society and will normally be either a radiologist or a cardiologist. The President shall hold office for a 2-year term and does not need to stand for re-election to the committee during this period.
8. The President-Elect shall be nominated from within the Executive committee and nominated and seconded by two members of the Executive. They will be elected by the membership and would usually be a cardiologist or radiologist. The President-Elect shall hold office for a 2-year term, prior to becoming President, and does not need to stand for re-election to the committee during this period.
9. The Honorary Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Committee. He/she shall hold office for a 3-year term and does not need to stand for re-election to the committee during this period. He/she shall keep a membership list (or instruct 3rd party to undertake this). He/she shall arrange the AGM and business meetings, sending out agendas and keeping records of the proceedings. He/she shall arrange elections for the Executive Committee (or instruct 3rd party to undertake this).
10. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Committee. He/she shall hold office for a 3-year term and does not need to stand for re-election to the committee during this period. He/she shall collect annual subscriptions (or instruct 3rd party to undertake this), pay bills and present an annual account of the funds at the AGM.

11. The A.G.M. shall take place at one of the scientific meetings, usually the spring meeting.
12. A change in the constitution may be made following either: (i) annual general meeting, (ii) a special general meeting or (iii) an electronic vote by a majority of 60% or more of the members voting, provided that 21 days' notice of the proposed change has been posted by the Hon. Secretary with the notice of the meeting. No amendment may be made which would have the effect of making the Group cease to be a charity at law.
13. Dissolution: The Group shall be dissolved at an annual or special general meeting by a resolution passed by 60% or more of total membership, provided that 21 days' notice of the meeting has been given. Upon dissolution any residual funds must be applied either in furtherance of the objects or by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes the same as or similar to those of the Group or, if this is not possible, for some other charitable purpose.
14. Use of Funds: The funds of the Group shall be solely applied towards promotion of the objectives of the Group as stated in the constitution; no part thereof may be paid as dividend or professional fee or otherwise to any member of the Group, except for the reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the member on behalf of the Group.
15. Election to the Executive Committee: shall be by electronic voting, each candidate being proposed and seconded in writing, with a letter of acceptance by the candidate. All candidates standing for election must have been members in good standing of the BSCI/BSCCT for at least 2 years prior to being nominated and elected to the BSCI/BSCCT Executive Committee.