



THE BIRMINGHAM & MIDLAND INSTITUTE

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Charity No. 522852

PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

1. PURPOSE

Under The Birmingham & Midland Act (1854) the Institute is required to have a President who is one of the officers of the Institute. The President does not need to be a member of the Institute.

The President is elected at the Annual General Meeting and should be a high-profile champion of the Institute. The President may preside at the Annual General Meeting and at any meeting of the Council.

It is important that the President is eminent in their field, which is synonymous with the objects of the Institute, so that they may serve to promote the Institute in their term of office. Mindful of the fact that the Institute is established for the Diffusion and Advancement of Science, Literature and Art, in essence it is about cultural enrichment through the important tenets of the Institute's objects as a place of learning and as a charity established to promote these fundamental principles to all people across Birmingham and the Midland counties.

2. PROCEDURE

The normal length of a President's term of office is one year, but by mutual agreement between the incumbent and the Board of Trustees, this may be extended up to three years.

The matter of maintaining a list of potential Presidents (List B) is delegated to the Governance Committee, which will be approved by the Board of Trustees. Any member of the Institute may submit candidates for inclusion in List B.

The Governance Committee will consider candidates at their May and June meetings and, no later than July each year, the Governance Committee will submit to the Board of Trustees three candidates (List A) from the candidate list (List B) whom they feel will act as a high-profile ambassador for the Institute for serving a term of office in the following year.

Once List A has been approved by the Board of Trustees, the candidates will be contacted and invited to become President, subject to appointment at the Annual General meeting.

It is important that this process starts in the middle of each year, so that a planned and considered approach is adopted and so that we have a confirmed President-elect by November each year.

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