



Roles and Responsibilities of Council Members

Introduction

The Nutrition Society is governed by 2 sets of documents – The Articles of Association, and the Rules. Within the Articles the establishment of a Council is confirmed:

Article 57. The Council shall be an advisory body who shall consult with and make recommendations to the Trustees, which they may or may not choose to implement.

Members of Council

Members of the Advisory Council each hold a portfolio to represent the views of the membership and other external stakeholders. These being:

- Industry;
- Animal nutrition;
- Medical & Clinical nutrition;
- Academia;
- Public Health;
- Policy.

The leader of the Student Section of the Nutrition Society is also be a member of Council. In addition, the Secretaries of the Scottish and Irish sections are members of Council.

Meetings

The Council meets three times a year, where they are joined by Society's trustees. The meeting usually runs from 1 pm until 5 pm, and is held in the Society's offices in London. Council members may also attend the meeting online.

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- i. Attend three Council Meetings per year (January, April, October)
- ii. Serve a three-year term of office, with the option to stand for re-election for a second three-year term
- iii. Council Members are expected to provide both feedback and suggestions to the trustees, to assist them in their leadership and management of the Society. In addition, trustees exchange reports on their respective portfolios, seeking debate, advice and support from Council Members.

- iv. Council Members should be able to represent the views of their constituent areas, and Council Members are encouraged to develop their own approach to this area of work. The Society's membership team can provide support in this area to individual Council Members if required.
- v. Council Members are provided, where possible, with complimentary registration to some of the Society's conferences to assist them with meeting other Society members in their constituent areas.
- vi. Council Members are encouraged to serve on one or more of the Society's committees, in areas where they believe they can make a meaningful contribution.

Overall, Council Members provide a very important link between the Society's trustees and the membership, helping ensure the Society is subject to continuous opportunities for improvement.

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