

BRITISH ACUPUNCTURE ACCREDITATION BOARD

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BOARD MEMBERS

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Objects of the Board

The objects of the Board are to promote one or more of the following purposes as the Board from time to time thinks fit:-

- To foster high standards of professional acupuncture education throughout the United Kingdom through the development of appropriate criteria and guidelines.
- To deploy these criteria in a continuous programme of accreditation or validation of such institutions or courses in acupuncture as shall apply to the Board for this purpose
- To assure thereby the higher education community, the general public and other agencies or organisations that any accredited or validated institution or course has clearly defined and appropriate objectives, which include those providing for the safety and competence of its graduates; has the resources for a reasonable assurance of the attainment of such objectives; and can provide evidence that it is attaining them.
- To encourage institutional self-improvement through continuous self-study and assessment, and to encourage diversity, experimentation and innovation within the boundaries of generally accepted standards and guidelines of academic quality.
- To protect institutions against encroachment which might jeopardise educational effectiveness or academic freedom.

Accountability and Conflicts of Interest.

1. Under the BAAB constitution all Board Members are registered Directors of the BAAB and as such they have a duty to act in the best interests of the Board and in line with its objectives –see above. They are therefore individually and collectively accountable to the Board and should vote in accordance with their primary duty to the Board.
2. At the same time Board Members are also ‘representatives’, either chosen by a particular group (eg Acupuncture Programme Leaders) or appointed to represent a more general stakeholder grouping (eg the General Public). They may therefore have a separate line of accountability to the particular organisation or grouping which they represent. Where appropriate, Board Members are expected to act as the point of contact between the Board and the committees of the organisations they represent.
3. In 2017 there are eleven Board Members who are representatives of the following stakeholders:
 - a) Acupuncture Practitioners and their professional body, the British Acupuncture Council (BACc). 3 members chosen by the BACc.

- b) Heads of Acupuncture Courses. 2 members chosen by the Council for Heads of Acupuncture Courses (CHAC).
 - c) Higher Education and its Values. 2 appointed members.
 - d) Healthcare professions. 2 appointed members
 - e) The general public. 2 appointed members.
4. Board members are encouraged to make their own judgements but they should clearly and openly distinguish their own personal views from those of the Board where these differ in any material way.
 5. Potential conflicts of interest should be declared prior to any discussion or vote. Each year members are also asked to fill in an updated 'declaration of interest' form.
 6. The Board carries out an annual self-evaluation in which Board members are asked to comment on the Board's processes during the previous 12 months and to evaluate its overall conformity with the Nolan Principles.

Attendance at Meetings

7. Members should do their utmost to attend all Board meetings, giving their apologies if they are unable to attend on any particular occasion. Members are expected to read all Board papers sent out before the meetings and are welcome to send in their views on any topics if unable to attend a meeting. Proxy votes can also be arranged by the Secretary to the Board.