

APM President

Overview

The President of the APM is the figurehead of the organisation and, as such, has a pivotal role in overseeing all the activities of the charity. The President is an Officer of the Association and, as such, is a Trustee of the APM registered with the Charity Commission.

The President is vital to both the day-to-day operation of the APM in guiding, shaping and developing the APM to be the key organisation nationally and, in some respects, internationally representing doctors specialising, working and interested in Palliative Medicine.

A successful President of the APM is one who actively and visibly upholds, promotes and delivers on APM opinion, guidance and vision and is prominent within the specialty, in relations with relevant organisations and campaigns, in the media and more generally in healthcare debate relating to the APM values and strategy.

Tenure

After two years of being APM Vice President, the post-holder becomes APM President. The President holds the post for two years from ratification at the Association's Annual General Meeting. On demitting from Office, the President becomes Past President (presidential support) and can continue in this role for up to two years if they wish to do so. This supports the Association in terms of continuity and 'organisational memory'.

Remuneration

The role of APM President, as per the charity's Governing Document, is not personally remunerated. However, in recognition of the time required to fulfil this role, the APM will provide the President's employing organisation 1 PA remuneration for the period of their tenure.

Key duties

- To provide leadership and strategic direction for the Association
- To have frequent and regular contact with the other Officers of the Association in order that the APM functions, delivers and develops as per the Association's Governing Document and strategy
- To champion / actively promote the values, strategy and direction of the Association
- To represent the Association and its interests at meetings with others
- To Chair APM Board meetings and the AGM
- To represent the Association on the RCP/APM Joint Specialty Committee (and Chair in rotation with the RCP)
- To represent the Association on RCP Council
- To manage all requests from external organisations / individuals for information, interaction or partnership with the Association
- To delegate responsibilities appropriately throughout the Association
- To be responsible for monitoring the delivery of APM contracts with external organisations

Support

The President is very well supported within the Association. The other Officers of the Association (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President) share responsibility for the aspects of APM activity relevant to the Charity Commission, as well as each taking on specific responsibilities in the day-to-day work of the APM. Individual Officers have significant responsibility for specific areas of APM activity and report to the APM Board.

The APM Secretariat supports the President in terms of general office functions, coordinating APM activity and meetings, record keeping, website management, media and other enquiries, communication with members and membership activity.