

Dear IMB Colleagues, Member Group committee members and members of Council

### **Invitation for Nominations to the Membership Board**

At the end of March, I wrote to all Member Group chairs to let them know that an Interim Membership Board (IMB) had been formed.

The IMB's mission was to work on the Terms of Reference for the Membership Board (MB), to produce a transition plan, and to hand over to the Membership Board as soon as reasonably possible.

The IMB has now brought the Terms of Reference for the Membership Board to the point where they can be used as the starting point for convening that Board (as announced by Bob Assirati, BCS Deputy President, at the Member Groups Convention in April).

For Terms of Reference documents, guidance notes and the nomination form, log into the members' area of the BCS website and look in the Interim Membership Board secure area. Go to [www.bcs.org/login](http://www.bcs.org/login)

You will see that the Terms of Reference call for broad representation from all stakeholder groups, as well as a good mix of skills and experience.

This email invites you to consider whether anyone in your group has the skills and personal qualities to contribute to the MB or one of its committees.

If they are willing to commit their time and skills to the role, please submit a nomination on the form in the Interim Membership Board secure area.

There are accompanying guidance notes about what the role involves and a rough guide to the kind of time commitment:

**The closing date for nominations is 31 May 2010.**

Please return nominations to [boardnominations@hq.bcs.org.uk](mailto:boardnominations@hq.bcs.org.uk)

We are hoping to get nominations from all parts of the membership, and to be able to form a Board with a balanced cross-section from all the groups, and a mix of experienced BCS committee members with those who are perhaps newer to the role in BCS but have relevant outside experience.

For the initial set of Board members, the best way to ensure that we do have balanced representation, as well as a broad mix of skills, is to have a panel to handle the selection process.

The panel will consist of two BCS Past Presidents and those members of the Interim Membership Board who are not seeking to join the Membership Board.

Once the Membership Board is up and running, it will review the appointment process.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Even if, perhaps because of holding down a busy day job, you haven't had much time to devote to BCS activities, but now feel that you have the skills to, and could spare the time to contribute to the Membership Board, do consider applying.

All nominations will be very carefully looked at.

If you have any questions about the board or the process, do feel free to drop me an email.

Or ask a question in the Member Network at <http://network.bcs.org/group/212>

With best wishes

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**More background:**

The input to the Interim Membership Board was the high level structure for the Membership Board, and Draft Terms of Reference which had been marked up with lots of comments received from various sources, including consultation workshops which had been held last November, and which has been available for several months for all to see in the secure area.

The members of the IMB have taken several iterations to consider carefully and to consolidate all the comments received, and feel now that any further development of the ToR should be left to the new board itself, once it has been formed.

If there is a case for further changes to the Terms of Reference, the Membership Board will be able to assess and recommend those changes, and in any case the board will have a duty to assess its own performance and review its Terms of Reference annually.

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