



The Role of the President-Elect

The President-Elect is a **Director and Trustee** of the BNA. The President-Elect is therefore listed with both Companies House and the Charity Commission. The President-Elect's term of office is two years, followed immediately by their two-year term as President. The President-Elect, as with all Trustees, is an unremunerated position. For full details of election, period of office, resignation and all aspects of governance applying to the President and all Trustees, see the Articles and Rules of Association.

The President-Elect, along with the President and Past-President, acts as a figurehead of the BNA. They should therefore be a high-ranking individual within the UK neuroscience community with strong links to national, European and international neuroscience, as well as links to policy makers, biomedical charities and funding councils. They help the President to represent the Association externally, and should make use of their position and contacts to further the aims and activities of the BNA.

Although all trustees are jointly responsible for the governance, decision-making and direction of the BNA, the President-Elect is expected to **take the lead at Council level** on:

- Planning for the Festival of Neuroscience due to take place during their term as President.
- Working with the President in developing and achieving overarching strategic direction of the BNA.
- Supporting the President in all their activities, including the current Festival of Neuroscience.
- In absence of the President or Past-President, being a spokesperson for the BNA
- In absence of the President or Past-President, chairing meetings (Council, Committee or General meetings).
- reporting on matters to the Council at quarterly Council meetings

BNA Presidents are expected to be heavily involved in the biennial Festival of Neuroscience which falls within their term of office, and planning for the one immediately following. During their term of office, the President-Elect will therefore be working with the Chief Executive and President to plan for the Festival falling in their term as President.

More information

The BNA President-Elect must be familiar with the Association's Articles and Rules.

More information about being a Trustee can be found in Charity Commission publication, 'The Essential Trustee', available at [gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3) and support.