



The Role of Trustee with responsibility for credibility in neuroscience

This role holder is a **Director and Trustee** of the BNA. They are therefore listed with both Companies House and the Charity Commission.

As with all BNA Trustees, this is an unremunerated position. The term of office for all Trustees is four years, with the retirement date being that of the next Annual General Meeting to take place following the completion of four years in office. There is the option of standing for a second term. There must then be a break of at least one year before standing again for a Trustee position, unless the individual is standing for one of the Officer positions (BNA President, Secretary or Treasurer).

For full details of election, period of office, resignation and all aspects of governance applying to this role and all Trustees, see the Articles and Rules of Association.

It should be noted that all trustees are jointly responsible for all aspects of the BNA. However, the Trustee with responsibility for credibility in neuroscience research is expected to **take the lead at Council level to deliver the BNA's core commitment to promote and support credibility in neuroscience**. This is likely to include and is not limited to the following:

- becoming a member of the BNA Credibility Advisory Board (CAB), ensuring two-way communication between CAB and the Council, and recommending practical and effective courses of action for the BNA to promote and support credibility in neuroscience
- working alongside the Trustee for Research Policy and the Head of Policy and Campaigns to both shape and represent the BNA's position on credibility in neuroscience to relevant funders, policymakers and decision-makers, e.g. the UK Research Institute, Universities, and UK Government
- representing the BNA Journal, *Brain and Neuroscience Advances*, at Council level, working with the Editor-in-Chief to ensure the journal is successful and meets our ambitions to provide researchers with a leading journal that offers fully credible publishing practices
- maintaining contact with relevant organisations e.g. the UK Reproducibility Network and Center for Open Science, and facilitate two-way interaction with the BNA
- coordinating projects that bring together academic researchers with commercial organisations to share best practice and ideas for achieving credibility across all sectors
- reporting on activities or updates related to credibility of neuroscience research to the Council at quarterly Council meetings
- reporting on activities or updates related to credibility of research to the members via the Trustees' Annual Report

Delegation

Although Trustees are ultimately responsible for all aspects of governance and good management of the BNA, they are able to delegate powers and functions (see Article 42). In the BNA most day to day tasks are delegated to the Chief Executive and Executive Assistant. The Trustee for Communications would be supported in all activities by BNA office staff.

More information

All BNA Trustees must be familiar with the Association's Articles and Rules. See bna.org.uk/about/governance/#governing-documents.

All Trustees should also read the Charity Commission publication, '*The Essential Trustee*', available at gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3.