

RSA Fellowship Council

Dear Fellow,

I am pleased to announce a new and exciting opportunity for Fellows to become more engaged with the work of the Society. The RSA Trustee Board has approved the creation of a new representative Fellowship Council.

In the last three years, as I have become more intimately involved with the RSA, it has become clear that local and regional groups of Fellows want to improve their links with the centre. This new Council will represent the interests of the Fellowship, help Fellows to work with the RSA in the development of projects and activities, and work to ensure that Fellows' projects are aligned with the charitable aims of the Society. An early task for the Fellowship Council will be to agree a new Fellows' Charter – this will outline the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of Fellowship.

For the Fellowship Council to have legitimacy and insight, it's also important for it to be broad and representative. For this reason, the Trustee Board agreed that it should consist of:

- Twenty Fellows elected directly on a regional basis; and
- Twenty Fellows, all of whom we would expect to be active in the Fellowship at some level, nominated by Trustees.

In order to create a solid role for Fellowship engagement on the Trustee Board, it is further proposed that two members (normally the Chair and Deputy Chair) of the Council, elected by its members with initial two-year terms, will serve as full members of the Trustee Board.

The Nominations/Elections Process

The process for the election of 20 Fellows to the Fellowship Council will be managed by an external and independent electoral service provider. This process will be similar to that used in previous years for the election of Fellows to the Trustee Board.

Attached is a document which invites Nominations to the new Fellowship Council. Please consider if you wish to be nominated. Should any Fellow require more information about this important change for the Society an **information pack** is available on the RSA website at <http://www.thersa.org/about-us/governance/fellowship-council> You can also request this information by email: fellowship.council@rsa.org.uk or by calling the Fellowship team on +44 (0)20 7451 6826.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Taylor,
Chief Executive.

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