



Joining the National Board as an independent member: information and application process

The British Association of Critical Care Nurses (BACCN) is a leading non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of nursing in critical care. We aim to:

- Provide a National voice to shape the strategy for critical care nursing.
- Promote safe, quality evidence based nursing care to the critically ill patient.
- Provide wide ranging benefits and opportunities to BACCN members.

The BACCN National Board seeks to add an impartial voice to the Board, to promote diversity of thoughts that will contribute new perspectives from across its membership to the BACCN strategy. For the purposes of this role, 'independent' is defined as someone who does not currently sit on a BACCN regional committee.

Appointments to the BACCN National board as an independent member will be for a one-year period (September-September each year). Elections take place at the BACCN Annual General Meeting, which is held at the annual BACCN conference. The independent member would not have voting rights.

As an independent board member, you would be expected to attend at least 75% of full board meetings. This equates to 3 out of 4 meetings per annum, with at least two of these held face to face over two days (Friday and Saturday) at different locations across the UK. In addition, additional interim virtual meetings are held to which you would be invited to attend.

Board membership is a voluntary position with no financial remuneration; however, expenses related to performing the role are reimbursed. These expenses include reasonable travel and subsistence to attend meetings and attendance at the annual BACCN National conference.

If you wish to join the National board as a full member after your term as an independent member, before applying, you will need to join a regional committee for at least 12 months.

Appointment process

To be considered as an independent national board member, you will need to provide:

- A letter of application, which addresses the eligibility criteria (see below) and includes a concise supporting statement addressing the following points:
 - Why you want to join the BACCN national board
 - What knowledge/skills/experience you will bring to the board
 - Any previous or current engagement with regional BACCN committee activities (if appropriate)

- A one-page Curriculum Vitae
- The name and membership number of a current BACCN member who has agreed to nominate you.

Applications should be submitted to Dr Suzanne Bench (National Secretary) via support@baccn.org

Applications will be initially reviewed by the National secretary and the Chair against the following criteria:

Essential criteria

- Current member of the BACCN for at least one year
- Not currently on a regional committee
- Working within the field of adult critical care in the UK
- Attended at least one BACCN regional or National event
- Demonstrates a clear understanding of the BACCN mission.

Desirable criteria

- Contributed to BACCN workstreams at a national or regional level;
- Published an article or a news piece in the Nursing in Critical Care Journal.
- Attended the BACCN National Conference.

Final decisions regarding appointment to the board will be subject to agreement by all BACCN National board members.