



Bar Council 2022 Officer Election Timetable

Bar Council members are asked to note the following timetable for the election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer) for 2022:

Date	Action
By 10 March 2021	Remind Bar Council members of upcoming elections and timetable.
Monday 5 April 2021, 10am	Start time for submission of proposals for the election of Officers.
Friday 30 April 2021, 5pm	Deadline for proposals for the election of Officers.
Wednesday 5 May 2021	Voting opens.
Monday 10 May 2021, 5pm	Hustings (<i>if required</i>) 30 minutes
Friday 21 May 2021, 10am	Voting closes.
Friday 21 May 2021 (No later than 5pm)	Announcement of results of Officer elections.

Extract from the Constitution

12. (a) The Officers shall be elected by the members of the Bar Council and shall at the time of their proposal for election each be a member of the Bar Council. The Chair, the Vice-Chair and Treasurer shall be elected not later than 21st May in each year. The Officers shall hold office from the Relevant Date next after their election until immediately before the next Relevant Date.
- (b) Candidates for election as Officers must be proposed and seconded by persons who are members of the Bar Council at the time of their proposal for election. Proposals for the election of Officers must be either by notice in writing to the Chief Executive, or, by email to the Chief Executive, using the form provided by the Executive Office. The form must be signed (electronically or by hand) by both proposer and seconder and accompanied by (a) a statement signed by the person proposed of their willingness to accept office if elected, and (b) a candidate statement written by the person proposed explaining their relevant skills and experience and outlining why they are interested in, and suitable for, the role. Contested elections shall be conducted by ballot with the Chief Executive acting as a returning officer and, if there are more than two candidates, by single transferable vote. In the event of a tie, the current Chair of the Bar has the casting vote.
- (c) Proposals for the election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the Treasurer must be given not sooner than 10.00 on the first Monday in April and not later than 17.00 on the last Friday in April in each year.
- (d) The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall be eligible for re-election for a second term after which they may not stand for re-election to the position again. The Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election annually for a period not exceeding 4 years.
- (e) The Bar Council may elect some eligible person to fill a casual vacancy caused by any Officer ceasing to be eligible to hold office or for any other reason. Any person elected to a casual vacancy shall hold office until the next Relevant Date and shall be eligible for re-election for a second term.