

BAA Vice President Blog – 22nd August 2022

What a hectic summer, and things have been busier than ever for the board of BAA. We had our summer board meeting in July, with many lively discussions. We are focusing on issues such as education, workforce, and quality assurance.

The SQC continues to work at an astounding rate on projects, one of which is Quality Standards in Audiology for Adults, which will stand alongside and support existing QS of the home nations that already have government-published standards and provide English services with a set of QS to work with. Meanwhile, our EAR lead is working on the updated Scope of Practice for Audiologists, which is a much trickier document than any of us would expect. So please do look out for these when they are out for consultation.

Several of the board are involved in the National Review of Audiology in Scotland ([find out more here](#)), where there is a real chance to make a difference to audiology in Scotland in the future. The review includes work streams looking at quality assurance, education and & training, as well as governance and leadership. As always, we encourage our members to accept any opportunities to contribute to this important piece of work.

The programme for BAA Conference 2022 is finalised, and I must say it is a corker! I am so excited to be going, especially after the success of last year and the amazing atmosphere when we finally met face to face again. Party night is resumed this year - lots of mingling and dancing, which members asked for rather than a sit-down meal. I would advise you to snap up a conference place soon, as it is rapidly filling up.

I would like to remind you all that BAA is currently recruiting for one Board Director position. The deadline for nominations is 5th September at 11.59pm, and I would really encourage you to consider standing if you have even thought about it but had doubts.

We want BAA board and committee to represent its diverse members. You do not have to be a specific “type” of person to volunteer for board, and you do not need a specific job title or level of experience. It is all about the passion for the profession and willingness to do a bit of challenging work on top of your day job. So consider submitting a nomination, and please contact us if you have any questions at: admin@baaudiology.org

Take care

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