

British Menopause Society (“BMS”)

Membership policy

BMS members enjoy a wide range of membership benefits whilst providing vital support for the charity’s activities. Amongst other things, members are eligible to apply for recognition as a BMS menopause specialist.

Benefits of membership and annual subscription fees are detailed on the BMS website:

<https://thebms.org.uk/join-us/benefits-of-membership/>.

BMS’ charitable objects

BMS is a charity; its charitable objects include advancing education about the menopause, facilitating the study of the menopause, promoting high standards of training for those working in the field, and relieving women suffering from gynaecological disorders.

Its Board of Trustees works to advance those objects. The Trustees have various duties under charity law, including to ensure that the charity is advancing its objects for public benefit and to act in the charity’s best interests. The Trustees also have complementary duties under company law.

The Trustees will have regard to those duties, and to any duties imposed on them by equality law, in all of their decision-making.

Applications for membership

Healthcare professionals and other individuals interested in furthering BMS’ objects are eligible for admission to membership.

At present, applications must be made via an online form on BMS’ website.

The Trustees, or those exercising the Trustees’ delegated authority, have absolute discretion to reject an application for membership, and they are not required to provide reasons for doing so. Any membership fee paid will be refunded to the applicant.

Removal from membership

BMS’ Trustees have the power to remove someone from membership if, at a meeting of the Trustees at which at least half of the Trustees are present, a resolution is passed resolving that the member be expelled on the ground that his or her continued membership is harmful to, or is likely to become harmful to, the interests of BMS.

The Trustees have absolute discretion to determine what is harmful (or likely to become harmful) to BMS’ interests, which include (but are not limited to) its ability to advance its charitable objects, its reputation, and its financial sustainability.

Before such a resolution is passed, the member shall be given at least 14 clear days’ notice that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify expulsion, and afforded a reasonable opportunity of making written (or, if the Trustees’ consider it appropriate in all the circumstances, oral) representations to the Trustees.

A member will be notified in writing if such a resolution is passed, and their annual membership fee will be refunded in full.

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