

Annual Elections

Honorary Officers

Fellows and Members of the College are reminded of their rights in connection with the forthcoming elections for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian and Sub-Deans. All Honorary Officers except the Registrar, Professor R. G. Priest, who has served five years, are eligible for re-election.

The nominating meeting of Council will be held on 16 March 1988, and the last date for receiving nominations will therefore be 13 April 1988. The relevant Bye-Laws and Regulations are printed below.

Extracts from Bye-Laws and Regulations

Bye-Law XII THE OTHER HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The Council shall, in accordance with the Regulations, make its nominations for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian at the first meeting after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known. Written nominations for the above Honorary Offices, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may also be lodged with the Registrar at such time as may be prescribed by the Regulations, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Council.

2. The Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor and Librarian shall be elected from amongst the Fellows by the Members of the College, in each case in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Regulations.

Regulation XII ELECTION OF THE OTHER HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The method of electing the Honorary Officers other than the President, the Vice-Presidents, and Sub-Deans shall be the same as that for electing the President,* save that nominations from Members of the College who are not members of the Council shall be lodged with the Registrar between the first day of January in any calendar year and the date which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Council which is the first held after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known, or (as the case may be) which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Council which, in the case of a tie on the second ballot, determines the election of the President.

*i.e. Written nominations, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may be lodged with the Registrar, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Council. An election by ballot shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

Obituary

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RODNEY WILKINS, formerly Principal Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1

Rodney Wilkins died in May 1987 at the age of 63 years, after a long illness, having retired in February 1987. Those who knew him were saddened by his illness but heartened by his resolution and fortitude in dealing with it.

He received his medical education at Edinburgh University, qualifying in 1949 with first class honours in all clinical subjects of the pre-final University Examinations. His qualifications included MRCS LRCP in 1949, DPM London in 1955 and MRCPsych. He did his National Service in the RAMC from 1950–52, spending some time working in the British Military Hospital in Khartoum, which gave him a certain international interest in health.

He then became engaged in clinical psychiatry and worked at Shenley and Hill End Hospitals from 1953–1960 where he became increasingly interested in the development of community mental health services. He was appointed, in 1962, a Senior Medical Officer in the Mental Health Division at the then Ministry of Health. He became increasingly involved with policy for the mentally handicapped and presented a paper in 1967 to the RMPA setting out the early thinking on these matters. He went on to make a major contribution to establishing and shaping government policy for services for the mentally handicapped. He was promoted to Principal Medical Officer in 1968.

During the latter years of his time at the Department of Health and Social Security he turned his mind to services for the elderly with mental disorder, the so-called