

# How to become the new BOTA Med Student Representative

## **Application process:**

To be elected onto the committee, each candidate must put himself or herself forward for the position at the BOTA annual Educational Congress which takes place in November. This is done by writing your name on a large board under the position(s) you wish to be considered for. To be an eligible candidate, one must be a full BOTA member (i.e. paying member and ST3+ with a National Training Number, NTN), except for the position of Junior Representative (FY1-CT3, without a NTN) and medical student. Secondly, to be eligible for any position, 2 full BOTA members must put themselves forward as your proposer and seconder. The election then takes place for each committee position at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is also held at the BOTA annual Educational Congress and it normally takes place during the last day of the Congress. At the AGM, each candidate for each position will be invited to present a short (<1 minute) speech as to why they wish to take up the position they have put themselves forward for, and what makes them suitable for the role. This is done for each candidate for a particular position, and then after the candidates have left the room, his or her proposers stand up and propose why the electorate should vote for their candidate. Voting then commences and the candidate with the most votes wins. If two or more candidates are tied, then a run-off vote is held until a clear majority winner is elected. If only one candidate is put forward for a particular position, then voting will continue with an option to vote for "no confidence". All full BOTA members are allowed to cast their vote or abstain. Medical students can only cast their vote for the candidates running for the position of Medical Student Rep.

## ***Important information for medical students:***

- The role of BOTA Medical Student Rep lasts one year, and you will still need to be in medical school by the time your role ends (i.e. final year medical students cannot apply).
- If you sign up for volunteering at the Congress it will give you the opportunity to talk with other committee members and with the current BOTA Student Rep which will give you a better understanding of what the role entails as well as the opportunity to ask committee members to act as your proposer and seconder.

## **Role:**

The Medical Student Representative is responsible for hosting and planning the Medical Student Day at the annual BOTA Educational Congress. Making and maintaining connections with multiple undergraduate surgical and orthopaedic societies are key responsibilities of the Medical Student Representative; advertising events and ensuring that students nationwide are aware of and are encouraged to interact with BOTA is the primary aim. Attending undergraduate events such as conferences and workshops to talk about BOTA is also a significant responsibility which requires a certain amount of flexibility on one's personal timetable. The role lasts one year (from November to November).

## **Meetings & Events per year:**

- Meetings per year: 5/6
- BOTA Events: 3 (Summer School, BOA Congress, BOTA Congress)
- Undergraduate events: the amount you attend depends on you.  
*Note:* BOTA will cover your travelling costs but we do ask you to try to book things in advance to try to reduce the costs.

### **What is in it for you?**

It is a great experience which will allow you to get insight into the world of Orthopaedic Surgery. It will also allow you to meet lots of new people at different stages of their career – from medical students to consultant. This will allow you to get a good insight of a career in T&O. You will also gain lots of transferable skills which is great for your CV. In addition, this is a national leadership role which will allow you to gain as many points possible in the leadership section of the surgical portfolio. At the end of your role, a certificate will be provided stating all the things you have been doing as a medical student rep which you can add to your portfolio.