

Annual General Meeting 2020

Record of Members' Questions

Members were able to ask the Governing Board and Senior Management Team questions in writing and verbally. Below is a record of the questions and answers.

How do I vote ?	Visit https://agm.cochrane.org to vote on Resolutions.
Are we not able to vote one item at a time?	On https://agm.cochrane.org you can keep your voting page open while you vote during the AGM. Then press 'submit' once you have completed your voting.
Can we use university performance in teaching how to do meta-analysis ?	We have a Cochrane Interactive Learning set of modules. We're encouraging universities around the world to subscribe and to use the Interactive Learning course for their students of all kinds.
I would like to ask how to get involved with a Cochrane Group , if I am not based in a location with a Geographic Group?	You can check this page: https://www.cochrane.org/join-cochrane . If you have any specific questions on how to get involved, please contact support@cochrane.org .
When will the 5th episode of Evidence Essentials be published?	We are just in the process of developing the 5th module and we hope to launch it around April or May next year. It will be about how consumers can get involved in the work of Cochrane.
Are there any plans to change the methodology of Cochrane reviews?	We are really keen to respond to the needs of end users and this involves maintaining current methodological standards and innovating in methods.
What are Cochrane's efforts towards helping those who lack funds to get published?	We don't offer funding for publishing reviews but we are creating ways that people can get involved in Cochrane and if you are an author, Interactive Learning modules are a great tool to use.
Do you have any plan to make Cochrane reviews available to developing nations for free ?	Cochrane currently makes the Cochrane Library freely available to all Lower- and Middle- Income Countries via the WHO HINARI scheme: https://www.who.int/hinari/en/ . Around 3.6 billion people around the world can freely access the Cochrane Library this way.
Are there any plans to have full text PDFs access in the Cochrane Library via Cochrane for members especially for those from developing countries ?	
Who is identified as the user group ?	<p>As a Charity, Cochrane's purpose is to serve its 'beneficiaries', which are members of the public.</p> <p>It's fantastic that we have so many people involved in Cochrane, including members of our Cochrane Consumer Network who represent our beneficiaries, helping to 'translate' evidence into summaries and formats that are understandable to everyone, and to</p>

	prioritize the health questions most important to patients and consumers.
What is the term for appointed Governing Board members and what are the rules for re-appointment ?	Terms for Board members are, as standard, three years. All members may seek a second three-year term (either via election or appointment). If they are appointed as Co-Chair by their fellow Board members, this is a two-year term, and Chairs can have a maximum of two terms. The maximum continuous amount of time any Board member may sit on the Board in one go is eight years.
Isn't article 15.1.4 for Elected Members only ?	Yes, that's correct.
In future would it be possible, when proposing changes to the Articles of Association , to provide an explanation of why these changes are important and how they contribute to the good governance of the organisation - rather than simply stating what the changes will be.	The explanations are all available on agm.cochrane.org along with a track-changed version of the old and new proposed versions.