

BRITISH ACUPUNCTURE ACCREDITATION BOARD

COUNCIL OF HEADS OF ACUPUNCTURE COURSES (CHAC) MEMBER OF THE BOARD

ROLE DESCRIPTION

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The British Acupuncture Accreditation Board is responsible to the Acupuncture profession for the accreditation of the pre-registration acupuncture education courses and for implementing the standards set by the Acupuncture profession. The CHAC role exists to represent the teaching institutions viewpoint in discussion and decision making, and involves questioning or challenging where necessary.

All Board members share responsibility as part of the team to ensure that the Board exercises its functions effectively, efficiently, economically, with good governance and in accordance within the terms of the Board's Memorandum and Articles and Code of Conduct. The CHAC Member is a statutory member of the Board with full voting rights. They bring a unique perspective, informed by expertise and experience. This will support decisions made by the Board and will help ensure that:

- The Board are aware of the perspective of the acupuncture education community
- the interests of patients and the community remain at the heart of discussions and decisions
- the Board maintains a consistent focus on quality, integration and innovation

It is desirable but not essential that the CHAC member has the following experience and understanding:

Experience

- working in a key role in an acupuncture college with an appreciation of the broad social, political and economic trends
- qualified acupuncturist
- committee work

Understanding

- good governance
- higher education, particularly in acupuncture
- the confidence to question information and explanations supplied by others, who may be experts in their field
- the ability to influence and persuade others articulating a balanced, not personal, view and to engage in constructive debate without being adversarial or losing respect and goodwill
- the ability to take an objective view, seeing issues from all perspectives, especially external and user perspectives
- the ability to communicate effectively, listening to others and actively sharing information