Cymdeithas y Merlod a'r Cobiau Cymreig

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society

The Role of the President of the

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Organisation Overview

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society is one of the largest Native Breed Societies in the UK, having been established in 1901.

The Society is responsible for promoting Welsh Ponies and Cobs nationally and internationally and is a registered Passport Issuing Organisation with responsibility for the registration of Welsh bred equines.

The Society is governed by a Board of 15 Trustees (the Council), elected for a three-year period of office by the membership. Services provided to members include the registration and transfer of ownership of animals; the issuing of Stallion licences; the publication of Stud Books, annual Journals and newsletters; administration of a Judges Panel and much more.

The Society's office in Felinfach houses a museum of archive material. The Society currently employs 8 members of staff managed by an appointed Company Secretary.

Overall Purpose of the Role

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society appoints individuals to the roles of President-Elect and President at its Annual General Meeting, with the President-Elect progressing to become President the following year. The Society's members nominate persons for President-Elect on an annual basis.

The role of the President is an ambassadorial one and is bestowed upon persons who are held in the highest regard by members and trustees, thus ensuring that the Society is suitably represented. It is considered an honour to be made President of the Society, and with the role comes a significant level of responsibility and the commitment of time.

The President is a figurehead who represents the Society at events across the UK and occasionally overseas, this being a public facing role which requires dedication to, and enthusiasm for, the Society and Welsh Breeds.

Responsible to - The Society and Council, working closely with the Company Secretary when making practical arrangements and organising the annual President's AGM.

Role Description

The President will be required to:

- Attend Area Association and occasional overseas events when invited; to represent the Society, make presentations and give talks etc.
- Attend Council and Standing Committee meetings in order to have a clear understanding of Society business and topical items.
- Attend shows and events when invited, to represent the Society and make awards etc.
- In particular, to attend the Royal Welsh Show and represent the Society at numerous functions during the week; presenting the awards at classes sponsored by the Society (e.g., Gelding classes and Young Handler Championship), greeting the RWAS Young Ambassador
- Work with the Company Secretary to select a suitable venue for holding the AGM at the end of the Presidential year.
- Chair the Annual and other General meetings.
- Liaise with the office to arrange a President's Dinner Dance or Tea to follow the AGM. Any additional funds generated can be donated to the President's nominated charity (must be clearly declared)
- Provide any other relevant services to the Society as may be required during the Presidential year.

Person Specification

Held in the highest regard by trustees and members, with an excellent reputation, and an honourable character.	Essential
An in-depth knowledge of The Welsh Pony and Cob Society and the Welsh breeds	Essential
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills	Essential
Willingness to travel, with own means of transport (Expenses can be claimed)	Essential
Willingness to work unsocial hours.	Desirable

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President- Elect 2027 & President 2028

Nomination Paper

Nominations are being sought from members for a person who, over a sustained period, has been an effective ambassador for the Welsh Breed and the Society.

Members are invited to submit nominations and to vote for the President-Elect/President on a ballot paper to be circulated in the Autumn mailing. The result of the ballot will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday April 3rd 2027.

The person nominated as President-Elect 2027 will become President of the Society in 2028 and play an important part in representing the Society at events throughout the UK during the Presidential year. The Society's President and President-Elect are invited to attend all Council and Standing Committee meetings and the President chairs the Annual General Meeting at the end of the term of office. The role of President is a prestigious and high-profile one that carries with it a high level of responsibility and expectation. It is an exceptional accolade within the Society.

A detailed document setting out the role and job description of the President is enclosed in this mailing.

If you would like to nominate someone for the role of President-Elect 2026, please complete this form and return it to the office **by 12 noon on Wednesday December 9th, 2026, or email it to gemma@wpcs.uk.com with NOMINATION PRESIDENT-ELECT in the subject line.**

We, the undersigned, being members of The Welsh Pony and Cob Society, do nominate the under-mentioned as President-Elect for 2027. It is advised that family members do not nominate other family members.

NOMINEE'S DETAILS:	
Name	
Address	
Signature	
Email address	
Telephone No	

*Election Statement **(maximum 250 words)**. The information provided in this box or on a separate sheet will be printed with the ballot papers and circulated to Members.*

PROPOSED BY:	
Name	
Address	
Signature	
Email address	
Telephone No	
SECONDED BY:	
Name	
Address	
Signature	
Email address	
Telephone No	

PLEASE NOTE:

The closing date for submission of nominations is by 12 noon on Wednesday December 9th, 2026. This form must be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee.