IBMS Council – Summary of Role

IBMS Council is responsible for:
✓ Strategy
✓ Governance
✓ Annual Budget
✓ Risk Management

Trustee responsibilities
✓ Council Members are Trustees and Company Directors
✓ Ultimate responsibility for ensuring Institute is solvent, well-run and meets charitable objectives
✓ Legal – ensure Institute abides by articles and operates within the Law
✓ Fiscal – ensure money and property managed properly and effectively
✓ General – Strategic planning, monitoring, evaluation

Skills and experience
✓ Use personal skills and experience to ensure Institute is well run
✓ Individual and collective responsibility for Council decisions
✓ Professional leadership skills demonstrated through being currently active in the profession

Key skills
✓ Strategic Thinking
✓ Financial Understanding
✓ Passion for the work of the Institute
✓ Role model for the profession
✓ Commitment to the role

Time commitment
✓ Attend all Council Meetings – four per year plus AGM (first Saturday in June).
✓ Sit on at least one Standing Committee – four meetings per year
✓ Attend an annual strategy day
✓ Attendance at the biennial Congress
✓ In order to fulfil these commitments, candidates must be able to commit to extended working days and weekend events
✓ Allow appropriate preparation and travel time
✓ Represent Institute on external committees or working parties
✓ Contribute and respond to consultation documents

Council – Key facts
✓ No more than 30 members – currently 21
✓ Must be Corporate Members resident in the UK
✓ Eligible for appointment as a Charity Trustee
✓ 3-year term of office renewable by election

Important
!! Council members are not responsible for day to day running of the Institute
!! The Chief Executive is responsible for day to day running of the Institute
!! Trustees can be personally liable for breach of trust if they act outside Institute’s objects, powers, or in breach of charity law.
!! Voluntary role – Trustees may not benefit financially from the role
!! Trustees must not use Council membership to promote their own practice or services