

Wolverhampton LOC Election Nominations 2020



Dear Colleagues

The Wolverhampton LOC has four seats due for election this year. This represents one third of the committee and the successful candidates will serve for three years. The remaining two thirds of the committee will be due for re-election over the next two years.

There are two seats for "Performers" and two seats for "Contractors"; Two Performer places are vacant and the current officers, Peter and Prab are seeking re-election as Contractors.

The Performer seats may be taken by any optometrist who practices and performs GOS sight tests in the Wolverhampton area (or has notified the LOC that they wish to be represented by Wolverhampton LOC). Performers are elected by the other performers in the Wolverhampton area (or any performer who has notified the LOC that they wish to be represented by Wolverhampton LOC).

The Contractor seat is open to a representative of any business who holds a GOS Contract with NHS England in the Wolverhampton area. The representative may be an Optometrist, Dispensing Optician or lay person who is nominated by the Contractor.

Contractors are elected by the representatives of the businesses who hold Contracts to provide GOS in the Wolverhampton area.

A Performer may not vote for a Contractor or vice versa.

No individual may vote more than once, but an individual performer may vote as both a Performer in their own right and if appointed as a representative of a Contractor business on behalf of that Contractor in the Contractor election.

Your role as a committee member of the LOC is to work with your colleagues on the committee to ensure that the voice of community optometrists and opticians is heard within your LOC area. You must ensure that the business of the LOC is conducted appropriately by its members and officers and that the duties of the LOC are carried out satisfactorily.

As a LOC member you will be expected to attend regular committee meetings. Before each LOC meeting all members should read the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting and be prepared to contribute, so that the meeting can be carried out efficiently. Your member role may include any of the following, some of which may be done at a time which suits yourself.

All such work is remunerated by the LOC.

- Attending meetings.
- Working within the team to help organise CET events.
- Helping with administration and set up at meetings/events.
- Presenting CET/Peer Review/facilitating events etc.
- Helping with administrative or clinical governance work.
- Mentoring and assisting colleagues.
- Promoting the LOC and driving member engagement efforts.
- Assisting with online presence using social media.

The LOC needs representatives from all modes of GOS practice and with varying degrees of experience. Obviously, few if any colleagues will have experience in all the roles listed above; the LOC is happy to assist members in developing their skills in new areas.

Anyone wishing to apply to join the Committee should inform the LOC of their intent to apply by Friday 18th May 2020 and complete the application form below and return it to wolvesloc@gmail.com by Friday 29th May 2020.

All nomination forms will be sent out to the constituent Performers/Contractors and the votes returned and counted before the AGM on the Monday 8th June 2020.

Prab Boparai

Chair, Wolverhampton LOC.

Committee nomination Paper for Wolverhampton LOC June 2020

Name of candidate: Prabhjit Kaur Boparai

Contact Email: prab@prabopticians.uk

Applying as: Local Performer (on your own behalf)
 Local Contractor (on behalf of: Contractor name Bushbury Eye Care Ltd)

Authorised Signatory of Contractor: *Prab Boparai*

[NB: if you are the Owner/Partner/Director of a Contractor business then you are allowed to nominate/authorise yourself for the Contractor seat.]

Job title: Optometrist

GOC number: (if applicable) 01-17552

Years experience in GOS: 34 years

Please provide a personal statement explaining any skills or experience that you feel may be relevant to help you fulfill your role as a committee member and what you feel you can add to the LOC :-

I have served as a Wolverhampton Local Optical Committee (WLOC) member for almost ten years, spending the last six years as LOC Chair.

I've been climbing the optics ladder ever since my dispensing opticians days in 1986 through to contact lens optician, optometrist, manager, employed, locum, specialist hospital optometrist and finally owning my own independent practice.

Without a doubt, the past ten years have been the most enjoyable part of the journey, having gained immense experience from contributing to the development of the LOC and also as Chair of the South Staffs Optical Society.

The icing on the cake was being awarded AOP Optometrist of The Year 2017, and later being elected as the West Midlands Councillor for the College of Optometrists which has led me to be elected as a member of the Board of Trustees for The College of Optometrists.

I'd like to think that, as chair and with the members' support, I have helped the WLOC develop from strength to strength, allowing a very transparent and approachable personality to shine through.

We have achieved great heights for WLOC in the last six years, since the beginning of MECS, and there is much more to be achieved in the way of more enhanced services and training opportunities for upskilling our members.

I am passionate about patient centred care and about promoting our optical profession in the wider community. I will continue to work endlessly to reinforce public confidence and ensure our profession gets the respect it deserves from Ophthalmology and NHS England, in the way of appropriate recognition and remuneration for our work.

I sincerely hope that I am re-elected as a committee member and given the opportunity to continue liaising with various stakeholders to promote our profession.

I'm forever grateful for all of your support and the privilege of representing you all.

I agree to serve on the LOC: Name: Prabhjit K Boparai

Signature: *Prab Boparai*