RICS Building Conservation Advisory Group (BCAG) Chair

Role Description

Background

We are the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), a leading professional body working in the public interest to advance knowledge, uphold standards, and inspire current and future professionals. Our members help to create and protect built and natural environments that are sustainable, resilient and inclusive for all.

At RICS our people work inclusively with our members, collaborating to support them in their practice and build connections. We set qualifications and independently regulate chartered professionals and firms, building trust and confidence with clients and consumers. With a heritage of over 150 years, RICS sets the standard for over 130,000 members and candidates operating in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure across more than 140 countries globally.

Our trusted data and insight guides decision makers and governments helping to shape public policy, deliver positive societal change and provide a foundation for confident markets. Our members influence the quality of lives, underpin societies and drive economies. Everything we do supports our current and future membership to uphold, advance and inspire professionalism for the benefit of society.

BCAG

The BCAG maintains and develops the knowledge and practice of building conservation for the public advantage, through recommendations to RICS on relevant matters related to building conservation and the professional practice of RICS members. It also makes recommendations with respect to the development and review of relevant RICS professional standards, practice information, training products, and events.

Role

This role is that of Chair of the RICS Building Conservation Advisory Group (BCAG). The BCAG Chair is a non-executive position appointed from within RICS' membership.

The primary role of the BCAG Chair is to provide leadership to the BCAG ensuring that the panel fulfils its duties in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Group.

The main objectives for the role are:

- To provide leadership for the BCAG in the planning and coordination of the Group's work, including producing forward plans and agreeing agenda, and exercising control over the smooth running of the panel's meetings.
- To provide leadership for the BCAG in obtaining insight relating to the sector with regard to

challenges and changes which inform the executive delivery pipeline.

- To exercise skill in retaining the meeting's focus during discussions and maintaining effective use of time.
- To involve all members in discussion and value diverse views, whilst aiming to reach a consensus wherever possible.
- To create effective, collaborative, constructive working relations and practices with key members of the executive to achieve goals as a partnership.
- To report to and attend other governance and engagement body meetings as required.
- To provide a market sounding board for the executive on issues facing the profession.
- Where appropriate to represent the RICS in a public forum.

Person Specification

Knowledge and experience

- RICS-qualified with non-executive and governance experience.
- Experience of working in and knowledge of the building conservation and heritage sectors.
- Understanding of RICS' need to balance public and member interest.
- Experience of working in a collaborative and consensus environment or working on committees and within a committee structure.
- Knowledge of likely future challenges and opportunities facing the building conservation and heritage sectors.
- Knowledge of future skills members will need to enable them to continue to provide value to clients and customers.
- Understanding of industry/sector trends
- Experience of engaging and communicating with RICS members.

Skills and abilities

- Able to lead teams and support effective decision-making.
- Comfortable challenging processes, influencing outcomes, and resolving conflicts.
- Skilled in chairing meetings, presenting, managing time, and communicating effectively.
- Experience engaging with industry leaders and other key stakeholders.
- Able to critically review reports and evaluations.

Personal style and attributes

- High integrity and ethical standards.
- Fair, with sound judgment.
- Engaging, transparent, and collaborative.
- Committed to the role's responsibilities.
- Passionate about RICS and enhancing member experience.

Time Commitment

Commitment required for the role:

- Chairing four two-hour BCAG meetings per year; these are mostly virtual.
- Preparation for BCAG meetings, agenda setting, etc. usually one hour per meeting.
- Building BCAG relationships outside of the meetings, answering queries, etc. on an ad-hoc basis.
- Chairing an RICS conference and input into the conference is not an essential requirement of the role but often does become part of it.

There is the opportunity to use the role for further work with RICS, but it is important that this is done with the capacity the individual has. It is completely recognised it is a voluntary role and the RICS executive will work with the individual to ensure it is manageable.

Term of Appointment

The initial term of office for the role will be for a term of up to three years.

The successful candidate may be re-appointed for additional terms up to a maximum aggregate period of appointment of six years in accordance with the process set out in the RICS Global Appointments Model.

Expenses

All reasonable expenses incurred for attending in-person RICS meetings will be reimbursed in line with RICS expenses policy.