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Dear member

A further step in the development of PICS

PICS Council has been concerned for some time that the charity formed for PICS in 2012 is not incorporated. This means that should any liabilities be incurred that the Society could not meet, the trustees and you as members are potentially exposed to covering any outstanding liabilities. We have a significant commercial risk in running our annual conference and are under a contract with a professional conference organiser for the management of the conference. In order to protect the Society and its members, in relation to this and any other future contracts or litigation, Council has decided that the best interests of PICS are served by the charity becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). A CIO is an incorporated organisation and means that should any liabilities be incurred that the Society could not meet or becomes insolvent, PICS would cease to exist but members would have no liability.

We have been advised by lawyers in drafting the CIO constitution using the Charity Commission model, and we have a draft constitution that has been approved by the Charity Commission. This will be adopted if two-thirds of voting members approve the formation of a CIO to take over all of the assets and activities of the current PICS charity. The Council members, who are trustees, remain unchanged.

More unincorporated charities are forming themselves into CIOs, and this is the most appropriate form of incorporated charity for PICS. You will find a Notice of General Meeting attached and an explanation of proxy voting if you are not able to attend personally on 8 March, at 21 Portland Place, London. You will also be able to review the new constitution for PICS as a CIO on the PICS website.

Council unanimously encourage you to support the resolution to adopt the CIO for PICS and we invite your vote in favour.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Wilson', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Peter Wilson
President

Council Officers

Peter Wilson – President, Peter-Marc Fortune – President Elect, Jeff Perring – Honorary Secretary,
Oliver Bagshaw – Treasurer, Yvonne Heward – Acting Non-Medical Vice President
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