

Honours and Awards Committee

Summary Report to Branches/Sections and Standing/Craft Committees

Summary

The Honours and Awards (HAC) Committee met by Teams on 15 July 2025.

It is the role of the HAC to annually consider nominations received by the BDA and make recommendation to PEC. This year we received a total of 12 nominations with two nominations for President. The John Tomes medal nomination was peer reviewed by Justin Durham, BDA's Chief Scientific Advisor. He supported the nomination given the strength of the scientific contribution of the individual.

It was the first meeting of the triennium of the Committee. Items for discussion included National Honours, noting that nine dentistry-related honours had been awarded honours in the King's New Year's and Birthday list. The BDSA charity awards, BDA's Joy Harrild Award for Young Dentists and the presentation of BDA's honours and awards were also discussed.

We ask committees and senior members of the BDA to continue to encourage and support nominations for awards as a way of saying thank you to those who go over and above for both the Association and the profession. We also ask that you continue to encourage both contemporaneous recognition and nominations which reflect the cultural, geographical and gender of our membership.

Further information and guidance on the nomination process can be found at bda.org/about-the-bda/honours-awards

2025 Medals, Honours and Awards

Name of nominee	Honour/award
Graham Smith	President 2027/28
David Barber	Fellowship Medal
Laura Cross	Fellowship Medal
Dai Gingell	Fellowship Medal
Austin Banner	Life membership
Chris Daley	Life membership
Tony Jacobs	Life membership
Lalit Khiroya	Life membership
StJohn Crean	John Tomes Medal (independently validated by Justin Durham, BDA's Scientific adviser)
Ciara Gallagher	Award for Excellence for Representation on behalf of the Profession in Northern Ireland
Gemma Taylor	Award for Excellence for Service to the Northern Ireland Branch

Graham Smith was recommended to be put forward to the BDA AGM in May 2026 as President for 2027/28.

No nomination was received for the Joy Harrild Award in 2025

Total number of honours and awards for 2025 = 11

President

3 Fellowship Medal

1 John Tomes Medal

4 Life membership

2 Award for Excellence

Roz McMullan

Chair, BDA Honours and Awards Committee

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