

## Independent Council Member - Role Description

### Role objective

The Independent Council Member brings an unbiased perspective to the association's leadership. They offer strategic advice without being tied to any specific medical specialty or national society. This role helps ensure that decisions are fair, balanced, and focused on advancing digestive health and engaging all stakeholders. All Council Members are expected to actively support the Society's goals and mission.

### Competencies and Expertise

Purpose orientation	Demonstrates commitment to advancing digestive health and UEG's future. Serves the community with integrity and promotes diversity, equality, and inclusion across all UEG bodies
Strategic thinking	Understands UEG's strategy and governance and helps shape long-term plans, ensuring stakeholder involvement and efficient use of resources.
Professional expertise	Commands broad experience in gastroenterology and related fields and is not retired from active clinical duty.
Partnership building	Fosters collaboration by aligning interests across UEG members, the UEG community, and other stakeholders.
Judgement & decision making	Promotes open, ethical decision-making aligned with UEG governance and values, putting best practice and multidisciplinary collaboration above individual specialty interests. Understands how medical associations work, what they aim to achieve, and how they are run. Demonstrates the ability to consider diverse perspectives to reach fair and equitable conclusions.
Achieving results	Actively contributes to ensuring that decisions are discussed and made in the best interest of UEG. Takes on specific tasks arising from projects, as assigned by the Council.
Team work	Supports the team-oriented and consensus-driven work of the Council. Commits sufficient time and travel to fulfill volunteer duties and represent UEG. Act as a point guard between specialist societies and Council, facilitating communication, collaboration, and alignment of goals.
Communication	Encourages open communication and builds consensus. Uses tact and diplomacy and communicates well across organisational and cultural boundaries. Fluent in business English to fulfill tasks.

### Requirements

- be a myUEG Associate and reside in a country represented by a UEG National Member Society
- MD or PhD in the field of Digestive Health
- After election, no concurrent leadership role in a UEG Member Society, or position in a UEG board or committee

### Term of office

- January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029

### Application process

- Candidates must be nominated with a letter by any UEG National Member Society.
- Candidates must provide an A4 mission statement
- Deadline for nominations: **September 1, 2025**