

Vice President - Role Description

Role objective

As a Council Member, the Vice President plays a key role in shaping a clear vision, upholding strong professional values, guiding effective committee work, and supporting sound strategic direction. All Council Members are expected to actively support the Society's goals and mission. The Vice President also serves as one of four Executive Committee members, jointly responsible for day-to-day management, regular coordination with the headquarters, and executive decisions that promote sustainable development and uphold the organization's mission and vision.

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. Brings a visionary approach in consultation with UEG's leadership and Executive Director.
Professional expertise	Commands broad experience in gastroenterology and related fields and is not retired from active clinical duty. Has previously served on a UEG board or committee to be able to fulfill the tasks required for the position of Vice President.
Partnership building	Fosters collaboration by aligning interests across UEG members, the UEG community, and stakeholders. Engages with Meeting of Members and National Society Forum representatives and acts as a UEG ambassador.
Judgement & decision making	Promotes open, ethical decision-making aligned with UEG governance and values, putting best practice and multidisciplinary collaboration above individual specialty interests.
Achieving results	Assumes defined responsibilities, evaluates results, and actively contributes to meetings. Works with the Executive Director and headquarters to align strategy, annual plans, budget, and asset management.
Team work & supervision	Aligns with Executive Committee, Council, the Committee Chairs and headquarters on scope, operational work plans. Commits sufficient time and travel to fulfill volunteer duties and represent UEG.
Communication	Encourages open communication and builds consensus. Uses tact and diplomacy and communicates well across organizational and cultural boundaries. Fluent in business English to fulfill tasks.
Responsibilities with a defined scope	Fulfills defined duties per the Statutes, co-chairs meetings with the President, and steps in when the President is absent. Serves as main contact for Journal matters with Headquarters.

Requirements

- be a UEG Associate, reside in a country represented by a UEG National Member Society
- MD or PhD in the field of Digestive Health
- Current or previous experience as a member of UEG Board or Committee
- 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, 2027 as Vice-President

January 1, 2029 – December 31, 2030 as President

Application process

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