

This is an open letter to all those who are interested in becoming members of The British Association of Rehabilitation Companies (BARC)

A Working Council has been formed with a view to shaping development of BARC, pending election of a Council, by its members, to be held in March 2010. Contact details for those regularly attending the Working Council meetings are listed at the foot of this page, with roles assigned, for information. Please feel free to contact anyone listed for further information or queries.

It is the Council's hope is that everyone who qualifies for membership should take an active part in BARC and its activities which will support its **Aims and Objectives**.

A **Launch Event** will take place at the House of Commons (jubilee Room) on 5th May 2009 at 13.30-15.30 where Tim Ablett will be our keynote speaker. For those who do not know Tim, a full professional profile is available on www.linkedin.com

Please view the Discussion Board for further details. The Launch will be advertised in the relevant press.

Please read the following Aims and Objectives and see details of Membership, below.

Aims and Objectives

To represent the commercial, non-clinical, interests of UK Rehabilitation Providers, through active participation of its members, in order to:

- lobby and engage with industry Stakeholders, eg Government, in relation to matters affecting the interests of members
- provide a single voice in matters affecting members' interests
- increase awareness of the Benefits of Rehabilitation
- give confidence to purchasers of Rehabilitation Services

To establish a Constitution and a Code of Conduct

- uphold Quality and maintain Professional Standards

To work towards achieving Chartered Status for members

- achieve and maintain recognition of the Status of Rehabilitation Providers when engaging with other Professional Bodies

To provide a forum for formal discussion and debate of relevant issues

- hold regular meetings throughout the year
- collate and disseminate information and intelligence of benefit to members
- respond and contribute to market initiatives

To provide networking events for informal discussion and exchange

- encourage participation in the Association and promote informal events for exchange of ideas and networking

Membership

Membership is open to corporate members who will have full membership with voting rights. Sole practitioners are eligible as associate members with no voting rights. BARC members with voting rights should be strategic decision makers within the organisations that they represent and this particularly would apply to those that would be eligible to be elected to the BARC Council.

Membership Fees

Applications for membership will incur a £100 joining fee in 2009 (£50 for Associates)

Annual membership would be £100 (£50 for Associates membership)

Additional applications after the 2010 will be £150 (£50 for Associate applications)

Bands

- **Band 1** 50⁺ employees (to have 3 voting rights)
- **Band 2** 25 to 50 employees (to have 2 votes)
- **Band 3** 3 to 25 employees (to have 1 Vote)
- **Band 4** Less than 3 employees (No voting rights)

An Application Form can be completed on-line. Please follow link www.thebarc.co.uk click Publications, then download the Application Form (you will need Adobe Reader to open this file)

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