

AVS/IVSA UK and Ireland Elections 2020

Name: Henry Bodle

Position: Treasurer

Vet School: Edinburgh

Year: 3rd year

About me:

I usually dislike the about me section of applications, so I will use two awards I was voted for at our 'Half Way Ball' to help you understand who I am. First I was given the 'Biggest BNOC' award, due to me wanting to be part of every group and committee, and working to arrange events throughout vet school. The other was 'Most likely to end up in the Student Union club at 40', and I think this is because as much as I like to work hard and have a lot on my plate, I will always find room to destress with a VK or two listening to cheesy music. Other than that, I try to have as much time away from the desk by being a member of the RDSVS men's football team.

Experience:

I am currently the AVS junior rep for Edinburgh, so have experience working within AVS and contributing towards projects for vet students. Most recently, as part of the member services group within AVS, I contributed towards the development and design of a 'fitness to practice myth-buster' leaflet that may be distributed to help students understand what fitness to practice is, and why it isn't a bad thing. Since 2017, I've been elected as my year's FYC president, and have used this position to organise many events and fundraising opportunities, where I work with the committee to manage the bank account and ensure we make money. Being part of the Ball Committee for my year also gave me experience with organising and financing a large event, and generating money from sponsorships where needed. Thankfully, I was also able to be part of a small group to organise an annual social event with the Edinburgh Medics to raise money for both parties - something older vet students said would be impossible! Lastly, being part of the Student Union at Edinburgh vet school has given me a greater insight into the needs of the student body, and how reliable representatives can work to improve conditions and resources for vet students.

What I would try to achieve in my role:

I would love to gain more responsibility within the AVS committee and learn what it takes to manage a national organisation's bank account, and as a minimum, I would aim to not make AVS lose any money! I would mainly want to assess the normal transactions of the AVS bank account, and through the regular committee meetings I would be attending, see if there were any areas where students may benefit from more funding. Another thing I would be keen to achieve as AVS treasurer is to increase student understanding of what AVS does with its money, as I know many students may see the membership to AVS as only funding AVS sports weekend and Congress, but there are many other AVS projects that vet students should know and be proud to be part of.

Why should you vote for me:

The role of treasurer requires someone who is hard working, ready to learn new skills, and comfortable with making big decisions as part of a larger committee. I feel that the experience I have gained throughout university, the committees and groups I have been on, and my drive to want to improve vet students' time in university make me ideal for this position.