



## **Independent Member, Standards Committee.**

The Standards Committee is a standing sub-committee of the General Council of the PRCA. The Committee comprises a minimum five members: two are whom are the PRCA Professional Member Chairs of the Public Affairs Professional Board and the Public Relations and Communication Professional Board; three of whom are independent members. One of the independent members chairs the Committee.

The purpose of the PRCA Standards Committee is to determine the Codes of Conduct for PRCA members: Company, Professional and Associate members. The Committee also polices them in that it determines the procedure for any complaints under the Codes of Conduct to be investigated and decided upon, and where appropriate the imposition of any sanction; and decides upon any such complaints and imposes, where appropriate, any sanction. There is an appeals procedure. How the Standards Committee executes its duties is outlined in the PRCA Bye-Laws. The Committee reports its activities and decisions to the General Council at the Annual General Meeting.

The Standards Committee meets a minimum of twice a year, likely virtually, plus as decided by the Committee to deal with relevant business.

Appointment is for two years, with the ability for reappointment thereafter. The PRCA Nominations Committee selects and appoints the Standards Committee's members for ratification by the Steering Committee of the General Council. The remuneration is £8K PA, plus within UK travel expenses.

### **Requirements for the role:**

- Not currently working in, nor having very recently worked in the PR, Communications nor Public Affairs industry. Prior experience in the industry is acceptable.
- Based in the UK

### **One or more of the following areas of experience or expertise:**

- Standards Committee experience in the public or private sector, or in a membership or trade association – both standards setting and complaints investigation & handling .
- Experience of determining and policing ethical and/or professional standards or policy in an organisation as an academic, organisational role or consultant.
- Other main Board or Advisory Board experience in responsible business or ethical practice,
- Legal experience in the area of professional standards; complaints procedures; investigations.
- Leadership roles in another membership, professional or trade organisation dealing with Standards as core to activity
- Risk management and crisis management experience (beyond financial risk).

## **PRCA**

The PRCA is a leading member-led association representing the communication and PR industry in the UK and abroad. Acting as a regulation body, the PRCA sets and polices standards expected of members as set out in its Code of Conduct and Communication Management Standards. The PRCA also supports its members through the management of member-led special interest groups, providing professional development focused as much on new and emerging skill needs as on core capabilities; schemes for diverse and young people to enter the industry; lobbying for change; and managing a series of UK and international award schemes to promote and celebrate practitioner excellence.

The Public Relations and Communications Association (PRCA) has recently upgraded its governance and has chosen to bring independent scrutiny into its leadership structures, reflecting best practice membership organisation Governance practice.

We aim to practice what we preach on diversity. We are an equal opportunities employer and are determined to ensure that no applicant receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of race, gender, age, disability, religion, belief, or sexual orientation. We are passionate about equality for applicants and employees, and work hard to ensure neither are disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

To apply, please use the interactive application form [Independent member standards committee](#). If you need help with your application please contact PRCA staff. Closing date 23:59 GMT on 30 November 2023.