



THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS

Guidance On Applying for Election/Transfer to Fellow

INTRODUCTION

Candidates for election as a Fellow (FRINA) of the Institution must demonstrate that they have met the professional requirements for election as a Member, and have at least five years' superior responsibility, gained at some stage in their career.

APPLICATION

Members applying for transfer to Fellow must submit a Professional Review Report of their professional experience since election to Member. Non members applying for direct election to Fellow must submit a full Professional Review Report, covering their professional experience since graduation. The Report should place particular emphasis to the candidate's superior responsibility over at least the past five years.

SUPERIOR RESPONSIBILITY

The assessment of superior responsibility will be made by the Membership Committee. In interpreting the meaning of superior responsibility, the following criteria may be adopted by the Committee, depending on the nature of the candidate's employment and the nature of their responsibilities:

Title and position in company or organisation

The Membership Committee, through experience and case precedence, will take account of titles and positions held by the candidate, particularly when the management structure of the company or organisation is known to the Committee. However, the fact that the candidate has achieved a certain position within a company or university would not be a sole reason for approving election/transfer to Fellow.

Technical and administrative responsibilities

The Membership Committee will look for increasing levels of responsibility for technical and administrative work over the candidate's career as important indicators of the candidate's achievement of superior responsibility. In larger organisations, the Membership Committee will assess the candidate's responsibilities for particular activities and the extent to which decision making responsibility rested with the candidate.

Financial and budgetary responsibilities

It is not possible to quantify the level of financial and budgetary responsibilities which equate to having superior responsibility. The Membership Committee will consider such aspects in the context of the size of the company or organisation and its turnover, or whether the candidate was self-employed.

Responsibility for technical and administrative staff

The extent to which number of staff reporting directly or indirectly to the candidate, either on a day to day basis or on a particular project, will be a major factor when assessing a candidate's application. However, the Membership Committee will take account of the size and type of the companies and organisations in which the candidate has been employed, and whether the applicant is self-employed. The number of professional engineers and technicians who report to the applicant will also be a consideration.

Continuing Professional Development

The Membership Committee will consider the applicant's record of CPD to ensure that the candidate has undertaken the necessary professional development in to ensure competence in their areas of practice.

Standing in the naval architecture profession or maritime industry

Recognising that there may be aspects of the above criteria in which some candidates such as consultants, those self employed and academics, may find it difficult to demonstrate, where appropriate the Membership Committee will take into account the standing of the applicant in their field of expertise, the naval architecture profession or the maritime industry. The Committee will take account of such factors as membership of other organisations, papers published and other professional activities.

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

The Membership Department at Membership@rina.org.uk is ready at all times to advise and assist candidates on all aspects of their application for election or transfer to Fellow.

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