

By-Laws 47 and 48 require Council to circulate to Fellows and Members a list of nominations for the vacancies for Officers and Members of Council from 1st October 2019.

All Officers and Ordinary Members of Council are Trustees of the Society.

The proposed Officers and Members of Council for 2019/2020 are:

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

David Warrilow, OBE, FRMetS Consultant

VICE-PRESIDENTS

David Griggs, PhD, FRMetS Retired

Derek Swannick, FRMetS, FCMI Royal Navy

Jon Petch, PhD, FRMetS Met Office *(Chair, Public and Policy Engagement Committee)*

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SCOTLAND

Vicky Ingram, PhD Heriot-Watt University

TREASURER

Jennie Campbell Consultant *(Chair, Societal Benefits Board)*

GENERAL SECRETARY

Shanti Majithia, FRMetS, FRSS Energy and Climate Change Advisor *(Chair, House Committee)*
(also Chair, Membership Development Board)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amanda Maycock, PhD University of Leeds *(Chair, Meetings and Conferences Committee)*

Jenny Rourke, PhD, FRMetS, CMet Met Office *(Co-Chair, Education and Outreach Committee)*

Peter Stott, PhD, FRMetS Met Office *(Co-Chair, Climate Science Communications Group)*

Anna Ghelli, PhD, FRMetS ECMWF *(Chair, Scientific Publishing Board)*

Will Lang, PhD, FRMetS, CMet Met Office *(Chair, Professional Accreditation Board)*

MEMBERS

Karl Shepherdson, FRMetS Met Office

Helen Rossington, FRMetS, RMet MeteoGroup

Aisling Creevey, FRMetS, RMet ITV

In preparing these nominations, Council has taken note of By-Laws 41, 42, 43, 44 and 50 relating to when Officers of the Society retire from Council and to fill casual vacancies. The President and Vice-Presidents normally serve a maximum of two and three years respectively. The Treasurer, General Secretary and Chairs of Committees normally hold the same office for no more than five years in succession. Members of Council serve for three years.

VACANCIES FOR COUNCIL 2019/2020

VICE-PRESIDENT (PRESIDENT ELECT)

The Vice-President (President Elect) is elected for four years (By-Laws 42 and 43) serving as Vice-President the year before and the year immediately after serving a two-year term of office as President. There is a Vice-President (President Elect) vacancy in the elections to Council in 2019/20 when the current Vice-President **Ellie Highwood** (University of Reading) steps down on 30th September 2019.

The Nomination for Vice President (President Elect) is Professor David Griggs, PhD, FRMetS.

David is an adjunct Professor of Sustainable Development at Monash University in Australia and an Honorary Professor at Warwick University in the UK. From 2016 to 2018 David established and then was Director of the Warwick Institute for Global Sustainable Development. From 2007 to 2015 David was Director of the Monash Sustainability Institute (MSI) which aims to deliver solutions to key sustainability challenges. In November 2008 he established and became CEO of the newly created ClimateWorks Australia (CWA), an independent research-based non-profit organisation committed to catalysing greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Previous positions he held included UK Met Office Deputy Chief Scientist, Director of the Hadley Centre for Climate Change, and Head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) scientific assessment unit. David was heavily involved in the development of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including representing the Science and Technology Major Group in the SDG negotiations at the UN and writing two papers published in Nature on the SDGs, one of which has received over 1000 citations. David is a past vice-chair of the World Climate Research Programme, member of the Victorian Ministerial Reference Council on Climate Change Adaptation and member of the Australian Council of Environmental Deans and Directors. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) and was a member of the Climate Institute Strategic Council and member of Doctors for the Environment Australia Scientific Committee. David was awarded the Vilho Vaisala award (World Meteorological Organization) in 1992 and a 2014 WME Leaders List Award which honours individuals who have provided extraordinary environment leadership.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Members of Council are elected for three years (By-Law 46). Council have approved the reduction in the size of the Board of Trustees in accordance with By-Law 41 and so will only fill one of the two Member vacancies for elections to Council in 2019/20 when **Lindsay Bennett** (University of Leeds) and **Will Owen** (Consultant) retire from their roles on 30th September 2019.

The Nomination for Member of Council is Karl Shepherdson, FRMetS.

Karl was previously a member of Council, from 2002 – 2005, which he refers to as the time when he was just starting his career. Since then, he spent almost a decade volunteering in the Youth Hostel Association (YHA), retiring from YHA Senior Governance (trustee) around five years ago, after sitting in the National Vice Chairman role for his final three years. He has been a long-standing member of the RMetS Education and Outreach Committee - something Malcolm Walker encouraged him to join when he first became an RMetS trustee - and became a Fellow of the Society in 1999. Karl is a qualified Professional Senior Meteorologist with twenty years of experience; he spent the last ten years in a teaching role at the Met Office and is now a qualified teacher (post-16), having spent two years studying via Plymouth Uni, Certificate in Education. Karl is also a qualified vocational assessor and is working towards his Internal Quality Assurance qualification. He has recently been forecasting at the new airport on St Helena, remaining operational in a particularly remote, single-staffed and challenging environment. Karl has a degree in Meteorology from the University of Reading and is currently based in Exeter; he has worked for the Met Office since he graduated in 1999, holding a number of roles in climate research and (junior) management. He has a passion for weather, and loves mixing young people, education and our natural environment together.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1 By-Law Requirements for Additional Nominations and for Elections

Fellows and Members are reminded of the regulations for any additional nominations as prescribed in By-Law 48, shown below. Council is circulating a list of duly qualified individuals for Officers and Members of Council in this Notice. If no additional nominations are received as prescribed in By-Law 48, these individuals shall be declared by the President at the Annual General Meeting to be elected unopposed and no ballot papers shall be issued.

2 Nominees' Biographies

Short biographies are included in this Notice for new appointments and, if any further nominations of duly qualified individuals are received from Fellows or Members, biographies of these will be included in ballot papers.

By-Law 48 reads as follows:

“ 48 Council shall circulate to each Fellow and Member by mid-March (usually with the March issue of The Society's journal *Weather*) a list of duly qualified persons whom they nominate for the vacancies about to occur on Council.

Not later than 30 days after the issue of Council's list any five Fellows or Members but not more than five, may nominate any other duly qualified person to fill any vacancy for an Officer by delivering an appropriate written nomination to the General Secretary at the Society's address together with the written consent of the nominee to accept office if elected, but each such nominator shall be debarred from nominating any other person for the same election.”