

The Royal Meteorological Society's AGM 2020

We are sorry to inform you that due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, the Society is being advised to postpone or cancel all public events before July, and possibly longer. Therefore, the AGM, which was originally planned to be held at Hartwell House, Aylesbury on 13 May 2020, will either be deferred until the autumn or a virtual AGM may be considered.

The Society will keep you informed about when and how the AGM will be undertaken, via our website and emails to members (if you do not receive our monthly membership emails and would like to, please contact the Society on 0118 956 8500 or email info@rmets.org so we can set this up for you).

In preparation for our AGM 2020, we still need to circulate the Agenda to all our members, see below.

AGM AGENDA

1 2019 MINUTES AND ACTIONS

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 May 2019 can be obtained from the Society on request. They will also be available at the reception desk before the meeting if members should wish to consult them. The President will propose their adoption.

2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR 2020/2021

Council has circulated in the March issue of Weather the nominations for Officers and Members of Council, showing biographies for new appointments. Under By-Law 49, if no further nominations are received by the qualifying date then the President will declare that the circulated list of nominations for Officers and Members of Council are elected unopposed.

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Council is proposing the following revisions to the By-Laws:

- **By- Law 26**

The Council may reject an application for membership or suspend from membership for a period deemed appropriate or expel from membership any member-person who:

- a. Is found guilty in a court of law of an offence involving fraud or dishonestly;
- b. Is committed to prison following conviction for any other offence;
- c. Is held by the Council to have failed to observe the Charter, By-Laws or Standing Orders of the Society;
- d. Is held by the Council to have failed to observe the Code of Conduct in place from time to time;
- e. Engages in any activity that in the opinion of the Council is inconsistent with membership of the Society;
- f. Is held by the Council to have acted in a way that is detrimental to the welfare or reputation of the Society;
- g. Is held by the Council to have been guilty of any act or default discreditable to the profession of meteorology;
- h. Has been admitted as a member as a result of false representation;
- i. Is the subject of a country or State at war with the United Kingdom.

- **By-Law 27**

Any action taken by the Council against a member or person applying for membership under the provisions of By-Law 26 shall follow an investigation conducted in accordance with regulations made under the provision of By-Laws 28 and 29, and shall be approved by a resolution of the Council.

- **By-Law 28**

The Council shall make regulations for investigating any complaint against a member or person applying for membership. A statement of such regulations shall be issued on the authority of the Council and any member shall be entitled to receive a copy on request. The regulations may be amended from time to time by the Council.

- **By-Law 29**

For the purpose of investigating complaints or applications for membership if required under the provisions of these By-Laws, the Council shall delegate responsibility to the Investigation Committee. The powers and functions of the Investigation Committee shall be subject to such regulations as the Council may prescribe. On completion of any investigation of a member the Committee shall submit a written report and recommendation to the Council. Any member of the Society may be called to give evidence before the Investigation Committee.

Unless otherwise determined by the Council, the resignation of a member shall not be accepted whilst a complaint against the member is being investigated by the Investigation Committee or is under consideration by the Council. A decision as to expulsion or suspension or rejection of an application shall rest solely with the Council, by resolution in accordance with By-Law 26. The Council shall make regulations to cover the investigation procedures, including an independent appeals procedure.

A member who is suspended or expelled or a person whose application has been rejected shall ~~cease to~~ **not** use any letters or designations relating to the Society. The Council may determine by its sole discretion whether or not any statements concerning the expulsion or suspension of a member shall be issued in a Society publication or other announcements should be made in the public interest

4 REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2019

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 can be found on the Society's website from the end of April under the 'Resources' section on the 'About Us' webpage, or can be obtained on request from the Society. There will also be a limited number of copies available at the meeting.

4.1 A report on the work of the Society in 2019.

4.2 Report by the Treasurer on the 2019 Accounts, the adoption of the Accounts and the proposed re-election of Porter Garland as Auditors.

4.3 Questions to the Chief Executive and Council Members.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notice of Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive at the office of the Society by close of business on Monday 4 May 2020.