

By-Laws 48 requires Council to circulate to Fellows and Members a list of duly qualified individuals for the vacancies for Officers and Members of Council from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. All Officers and Members of Council are Trustees of the Society.

The proposed Officers and Members of Council for 2020/21 are:

## OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

**David Griggs, PhD, FRMetS** Retired

### **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

**David Warrilow, OBE, FRMetS** Consultant  
**Lesley Gray, PhD, FRMetS** University of Oxford  
**Jon Petch, PhD, FRMetS** Met Office (*Chair, Public and Policy Engagement Committee*)

### **VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SCOTLAND**

**Gary Johnston** Millbank PWS

### **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** ECMWF (*Chair, Education and Outreach Committee*)  
**Peter Stott, PhD, FRMetS** Met Office / Uni of Exeter (*Co-Chair, Science Engagement Committee*)  
**Anna Ghelli, PhD, FRMetS** ECMWF (*Chair, Scientific Publishing Board*)  
**Will Lang, PhD, FRMetS, CMet** Met Office (*Chair, Professional Accreditation Board*)

## MEMBERS

**Aisling Creevey, FRMetS, RMet** ITV  
**Karl Shepherdson, FRMetS** Met Office  
**Helen Rossington, FRMetS, RMet** MeteoGroup

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.

## 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.”

## **Biographies for New Appointments**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

#### **Professor Lesley Gray, PhD, FRMetS**

Lesley works as an atmospheric researcher at the National Centre of Atmospheric Science (NCAS) unit based in the University of Oxford Physics Department, where she is Professor of Climate Dynamics. She joined NCAS from the Space Science Department at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in 2003, working initially at the University of Reading Meteorology Department before moving to Oxford in 2010.

Lesley has many years' experience of leading both national and international research projects. Her expertise is in understanding and modelling dynamical processes in the stratosphere with an emphasis on natural variability and its impacts at the Earth's surface. She has been a long-standing member of the Royal Meteorological Society, a previous Council Member and recently completed her 5-year term as a Chief Editor of the Society's Quarterly Journal.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SCOTLAND**

#### **The Nomination for Vice-President for Scotland is Gary Johnston**

Gary started up as a sole trader in 1977 and expanded to become the North of Scotland's largest and leading Planning and Architectural Practice. In 1994 G H Johnston Building Consultants became a limited company and in 2004 it expanded into property development, now owning several commercial offices. He was elected as a member of The Highland Regional Council from 1982 - 1990, was President of Inverness & Highland Chambers of Commerce, and has also served on many other Boards and Committees including Trustee of Eden Court Theatre, and Inverness and the Highlands & Islands Police Committee.

Having taken up an interest in the weather and climate in 2014, he completed the OU Course 'The Weather' in 2014 and shortly after joined RMetS. Being instrumental in setting up a local group in Inverness as part of the Scottish Centre, the regular talks frequently have an audience of between 30 and 50 participants. Gary joined the Scottish Centre Committee at the same time as helping start the group in Inverness and has been attending nearly all the meetings since. Since taking up an interest in meteorology, Gary has built a very comprehensive weather station and weather website. The principle of this weather station is to produce everything local and not to 'borrow' and reprint information from the web. This includes direct downlinks from weather satellites such as NOAA 15, 13 and 19 as well as from EUMETSAT, after being granted a license in 2017 ([www.millbankhouse.co.uk](http://www.millbankhouse.co.uk)). Playing a very active role in the 'weather and climate community', Gary has assisted with a number of software development projects, is a regular attendee at national meetings and events, and has completed several courses mainly regarding satellite observation and communication.