

By-Law 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 1st October 2021. All Officers and Members of Council are Trustees of the Society.

The proposed Officers and Members of Council for 2021/22 are:

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

David Griggs, PhD, FRMetS Retired

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Lesley Gray, PhD, FRMetS	University of Oxford	(President-Elect)
Robert A Varley, FRMetS, CMet	Consultant	
Catherine Senior	Met Office	

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	<i>(Chair, Meetings and Conferences Committee)</i>
Karl Shepherdson, FRMetS	Met Office	<i>(Chair, Education Committee)</i>
Peter Stott, PhD, FRMetS	Met Office / Uni of Exeter	<i>(Co-Chair, Science Engagement Committee)</i>
Anna Ghelli, PhD, FRMetS	ECMWF	<i>(Chair, Scientific Publishing Board)</i>
Will Lang, PhD, FRMetS, CMet	Met Office	<i>(Chair, Professional Accreditation Board)</i>

MEMBERS

Aisling Creevey, FRMetS, RMet	ITV
Indrani Roy, FRMetS	University College London

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 (PRESIDENT-ELECT)

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. She 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

Robert A Varley, FRMetS, CMet

Robert is a strategic consultant specialising in weather and climate risk, currently working with the World Bank, the Green Climate Fund and government weather services across Europe and beyond. This work builds upon his 35 years with the Met Office, working in a variety of roles culminating in four years as Chief Executive, 2014–2018. He is a Chartered Meteorologist and a member of the Society's Strategic Planning Board, and previously served as Vice President from 2013 to 2014.

Robert is a Chartered Director and Fellow of the Institute of Directors, with wide-ranging non-executive board experience. He has served as Vice President of the World Meteorological Organization, as President of EUMETNET (the collective body of European national weather services), and as non-executive director of Ordnance Survey. He is currently a Board Trustee of the Youth Hostels Association of England and Wales and of the international development charity All We Can.

Throughout his career Robert has been deeply committed to individual and team development to optimise individual potential and organisational performance. He is an enthusiastic supporter of STEM, inspiring the next generation of scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians, and a champion of equality, diversity and Inclusion, valuing each person's unique perspective and contribution.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Catherine Senior

Cath leads the Understanding Climate Change area at the Met Office which includes work on understanding and modelling key physical climate processes and feedbacks. Cath leads a team of around 20 scientists working on understanding climate processes, feedbacks and uncertainty. Main areas of work include High Resolution Global Climate Modelling, Global Water Cycle, Extreme events, Climate sensitivity and feedbacks to Man's influence and development of Seamless Ensemble Prediction systems.

Cath joined the Met Office in 1986 after completing a first degree in Mathematics at the University of Leeds. She has worked for her entire career on understanding climate processes and feedbacks, with a notable focus on cloud feedbacks and model development and evaluation. In 1997 she became the Manager of Climate sensitivity and then in 2003 the Head of Understanding Climate Change.

She was a member of Nobel Prize winning IPCC Team, lead author IPCC 3rd Assessment Report (Working Group 1); contributing author and reviewer, IPCC 1st, 2nd and 4th Assessment reports (Working Group 1), member of WMO WCRP Working Group on Coupled Models and co-chair of Scientific Steering Group of the Joint Weather and Climate Research Programme. She was a Fellow of the Society between 1986 and 2018.

CHAIR OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Karl Shepherdson

Karl Shepherdson 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 Society's Education and Outreach Committee - something Malcolm Walker encouraged him to join when he first became a Society 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. 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 is currently Regional Network Manager / Port Met. Officer for Northern England. Karl became interim Chair of the Education Committee in March 2020 filling a casual vacancy and is hoping to formally fill this role.

MEMBER

Indrani Roy, FRMetS

Indrani is a Climate scientist and has a long experience of working in the field of Climate Science. She undertook her PhD at Imperial College, London, within the Space and Atmospheric Physics Group. Since receiving her PhD, Indrani has worked in various research organisations including Imperial College and the University of Exeter and also previously worked for the India Meteorological Department. Indrani's areas of research interest are solar variability, atmosphere-ocean coupling, stratosphere-troposphere coupling, QBO (Quasi-Biannual Oscillation), ENSO (El-Niño Southern Oscillation), other major modes of climate variability, climate change, Indian Summer Monsoon, hydrology, geo-hazards and Arctic climate. Many of her research articles explored complex areas of climate science and addressed many pressing issues. She published nineteen lead/ single-authored research articles in international journals and published a sole-authored book of 18 chapters from Springer Nature. Indrani also served peer-reviewer roles for many high-ranking international journals including Nature Geoscience, Scientific Reports, Climate Dynamics, Journal of Climate among others. As a Council Member, she would be keen to enhance her academic reputation as well as the society's reputation further. Indrani quoted:

"I gathered from my past experience that the equality and diversity issue for minority female students in climate science could be an area that is sometimes overlooked. Promoting inclusion; strengthening coherence among various research groups and scientists; maintaining a positive and supportive environment within the community where everyone can flourish and maximise potential; feels valued while fostering great science - will be my motto".