

The 170th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society

Virtual Online Meeting – 7 June 2021

The Royal Meteorological Society is the UK's professional and learned society for weather and climate and its mission is to promote the understanding and application of meteorology for the benefit of all. At the heart of this is the responsibility for the stewardship of both the profession and science of meteorology. The Society promotes equality, diversity and inclusion to create greater opportunity for any individual to fulfil their potential, irrespective of their background or circumstances.

Welcome from the President

David Griggs (RMetsS President) declared the Annual General Meeting (AGM) open and reminded participants that only members of the Society can vote. Copies of the official documents were available for members on the Society's website www.rmets.org.

Minutes and Actions

David Griggs requested that the minutes of the previous AGM (24 June 2020) be adopted as a true record of events; they were proposed for adoption by Jennifer Campbell and seconded by Sushil Dash. There were no actions from the 2020 AGM.

Election of Officers and Members of Council

David Griggs referenced those elected and stated that Council circulated its nominations for Officers and Members of Council, showing biographies for new nominees, to the Membership in March's Notice to Members. No additional nominations had been received (as prescribed in By-Law 48) by the qualifying date and so, under By-Law 49, the President declared the following nominees as elected unopposed:

Vice President (President-Elect):	Professor Lesley Gray	University of Oxford
Vice-President:	Robert Varley	Consultant
Vice-President:	Catherine Senior	Met Office
Chair of Education Committee:	Karl Shepherdson	Met Office
Member:	Indrani Roy	University College London

On behalf of the Society, David Griggs formally thanked the Officers of Council who were due to complete their term of office in 2021 - David Warrilow, Jon Petch, and Helen Rossington – and expressed gratitude to all who have supported the Society through 2020 and continue to do so.

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

Due to feedback from members regarding the proposed amendment to By-Law 34, a decision was made to withdraw the proposal while the Membership Development Board reviews the wording further. An update will be presented at the 2022 AGM.

Highlights from 2020

Liz Bentley (RMetsS Chief Executive) gave a presentation highlighting some of the Society's activities from 2020. A recording of the presentation is available on the RMetsS website.

Report of Accounts

Jennifer Campbell (RMetS Treasurer) presented the Society's 2020 accounts which were adopted by proposer Gary Johnston and seconded by Karl Shepherdson.

The re-election of Porter Garland as the Society's auditors was also supported, proposed by Philip Pascarelli and seconded by David Offiler.

Any Other Business

Notice of Any Other Business was to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive by close of business on 24 May 2021; nothing was received.

David Griggs formally closed the AGM at 14:25hrs.