

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 2022. All Officers and Members of Council are Trustees of the Society.

The proposed Officers and Members of Council for 2022/23 are:

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Lesley Gray, PhD, FRMetS University of Oxford

VICE-PRESIDENTS

David Griggs, PhD, FRMetS Retired
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 and Membership Development Board)*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Anna Ghelli, PhD, FRMetS ECMWF *(Chair, Scientific Publishing Board)*
Edmund Henley Met Office *(Chair, Meetings and Conferences Committee)*
Karl Shepherdson, FRMetS Met Office *(Chair, Education Committee)*
Peter Stott, PhD, FRMetS Met Office / Uni of Exeter *(Co-Chair, Science Engagement Committee)*
Rebecca Venton, FRMetS, CMet Consultant *(Chair, Professional Accreditation Board)*

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

CHAIR OF PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD

Rebecca Venton, FRMetS, CMet

Becky Venton is an Independent International Development Consultant working for a range of clients including the World Bank and the World Meteorological Organization. As a Chartered Meteorologist, qualified Programme Manager and accredited facilitator, she offers a range of consultancy services including strategic planning and stakeholder engagement. With experience across the hydromet value chain, including a twelve-year career at the Met Office, Becky's expertise lies in the design, implementation and evaluation of weather and climate information services (WCIS). She supports international development organisations, national governments, NGOs and other actors to work with National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and their stakeholders. Becky is passionate about the collaborative design, production and effective communication of WCIS to ensure that they are useful, understood and used by the vulnerable communities who need them most. Since 2014, Becky has mainly worked in Africa where she leads and facilitates the development of WCIS that enable improved livelihoods, promote resilience and support sustainable development.

Becky is a Fellow of the Society (since 2002) and a Chartered Meteorologist (since 2006). She is a member of the Society's Accreditation Board (since 2020) and CPD Panel Assessment Panel (since 2016). She is also the Book Reviews and Society Endorsements Editor (since 2019).

CHAIR OF MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES COMMITTEE

Dr Edmund Henley

Edmund Henley is a space weather researcher at the Met Office. His work focuses on how space weather affects the near-Earth environment, specifically the magnetosphere, thermosphere and ionosphere. This mainly involves operationalising and supporting models used by forecasters at the Met Office Space Weather Operations Center, as well as associated research and development activities. He has also worked on a climate resilience project in West Africa. Prior to joining the Met Office in 2011, Edmund completed a PhD in space physics at Imperial College London.

Edmund has been a member of the Royal Meteorological Society since 2015. He joined the Society's Meetings and Conferences Committee that same year, representing the Met Office. He has co-managed various meetings in that time – including several national meetings (on tropical cyclones, machine learning applications in the atmospheric sciences, and the popular "Understanding the weather" series for the last 3 years), as well as an atmospheric electricity special interest group meeting on energetic particle effects in the lower atmosphere.