

## **The 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society**

**Virtual Meeting held at 13:00hrs on Wednesday 6 September 2023**

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 (RMets 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](http://www.rmets.org).

### **Minutes and Actions 2022**

David Griggs requested that the minutes of the previous AGM (8 June 2022) be adopted as a true record of events; they were proposed for adoption by Peter Cox and seconded by Becky Venton. There were no actions from the 2022 AGM.

### **Election of Officers and Members of Council for 2023/24**

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) – Brian Golding  
Vice-President (Scotland) – Gregory Wolverson  
General Secretary – Derek Swannick  
Treasurer – Paul Hardaker  
Member – Mona Lukha

On behalf of the Society, David Griggs formally thanked the Officers of Council who were due to step down in 2023 – Lesley Gray, Jennie Campbell, Shanti Majithia, Gary Johnston, and Aisling Creevey – and expressed gratitude to all who have supported the Society through 2022 and continue to do so.

### **Highlights from 2022**

Prof Liz Bentley (RMets Chief Executive) gave a presentation highlighting some of the Society's activities from 2022. A recording of the presentation is available on the RMets website.

### **Report of Accounts**

Jennifer Campbell (RMets Treasurer) presented the Society's 2022 accounts which were adopted by proposer Gary Johnston and seconded by Brian Golding.

The re-election of Porter Garland as the Society's auditors was also supported, proposed by David Warrilow and seconded by Karl Shepherdson.

### **Questions**

The Chair asked if there were any questions for the Chief Executive and Council Members. There was one question from Derek Swannick asking about how many people had joined the virtual AGM. Liz Bentley confirmed that there

were 44 delegates. There was a second question asking if the Society was happy that the government is taking our advice on climate change still. Liz Bentley reiterated that the outcomes of the RMetS's Climate Change Forum were submitted to the Government's Net Zero Review in 2022 and the Society continues to provide other science based evidence to support policy decisions.

### **Any Other Business**

Notice of Any Other Business was to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive by close of business on 30 August 2023; nothing was received.

David Griggs formally closed the AGM at 13:45 hrs.