

The 173rd Annual General Meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society

Meeting held at 13:20hrs on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 on HMS Belfast

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.

Minutes and Actions 2023

David Griggs requested that the minutes of the previous AGM (6th September 2023) be adopted as a true record of events. There were no actions from the 2023 AGM.

Election of Officers and Members of Council for 2024/25

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 – Keith Williams
Chair of Scientific Publishing Committee – Radan Huth
Chair of Membership Development Board – Sarah Hewitt
Co-chair of Scientific Engagement Committee – Hayley Fowler
Member – Hilary Weller

On behalf of the Society, David Griggs formally thanked the Officers of Council who are due to step down in 2024 – Cath Senior, Anna Ghelli, Peter Stott and Indrani Roy, and expressed gratitude to all who have supported the Society through 2023 and continue to do so.

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

Council proposed revisions to the By-Laws to be found <https://www.rmets.org/event/AGM2024> which were adopted by proposer Brian Golding and seconded by Shanti Majithia.

Highlights from 2023

Prof Liz Bentley (RMetS Chief Executive) gave a presentation highlighting some of the Society's activities from 2023.

Report of Accounts

Paul Hardaker (RMetS Treasurer) presented the Society's 2023 accounts which were adopted by proposer Anna Ghelli and seconded by Edmund Henley.

The re-election of Porter Garland as the Society's auditors was also supported, proposed by Jim Galvin and seconded by Becky Venton.

Any Other Business

Notice of Any Other Business was to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive by close of business on 8th May 2023; nothing was received.

David Griggs formally closed the AGM at 14.05 hrs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Griggs', is positioned in the upper left area of the page.