

# Candidate elected as RSGB President unopposed

**Bob Beebe, GU4YOX** – Bob will take on the role of President at the end of the RSGB AGM in April.

**Curriculum vitae:** I became a Short Wave Listener (SWL) when I was ten years old and joined the local Derby Radio club shortly after. In 1973 I was co-opted on to the committee as a junior member. I passed my RAE and Morse test after my SWL apprenticeship. In 1990, my work as an electrical engineer in the UK power industry took me and family to Guernsey. I became GU4YOX and subsequently became RSGB Liaison Officer and then Deputy Regional Manager. I am a keen HF operator, contester and DXpeditioner. I have played my part in several large team DXpeditions together with other single operator trips. I have been a member of the RSGB for fifty years and have been a volunteer for thirty years. As an RSGB registered Instructor and Examination secretary since 2004, I have helped many islanders achieve their dream of getting on the air.

I have worked in the energy sector for the last 48 years and was Chief Engineer and Operations Director for the island of Guernsey's Electricity Company. I have enjoyed working and collaborating with a wide range of people, and have presented nationally and internationally. I enjoy working on often complex political and business challenges and have had considerable media experience on radio, press and TV.

I am proud to have previously chaired two young peoples charities for a combined 20 years in Guernsey leading fund raising to make a significant difference to young people's lives.

I will be retiring shortly from my business activities.

**Personal statement:** Amateur radio has been a foundation throughout my life. What a brilliant hobby with so many facets that we all share! The Society has existed for over a hundred years and I feel passionate about it being here for the next hundred years. We must strive to empower our younger members in every way we can. We should be at the forefront of communications technology learning for all members. It is really important that we continue to promote our hobby not just nationally but further afield. We receive significant interest internationally as being the experts in our field, we should nurture and promote this yet further.

Crucially the RSGB must continue to play its part with our own regulator Ofcom and international organisations. The IARU for example, ensures that we have strong representation with key stakeholders to protect the frequency allocation and spectrum for our amateur service.

The Society needs drive, leadership, teamwork and commitment at the highest level to deliver our strategic goals but importantly, elevating our profile and the Society's enterprising spirit. I wish not only to play my part as a committed member of the RSGB Board, ensuring good governance and decision making, but also representing and leading the Society. I will support the Board, its Headquarters team and volunteers as is necessary in delivering these goals successfully.

If elected as President by members of the RSGB, I undertake to serve the Society and the Board to the best of my ability during my term of office.

