# RSGB President and Elected Director – Candidate Information

## Applicants for President

The Society's bylaws set out the requirements for President: “The President shall be any member of the Society who, in the view of the Membership, has rendered outstanding service to the Society or who has made acknowledged eminent contribution to radio research experimentation, communication or a related subject and who can fittingly represent the Society in such office.”

You can find further details about the characteristics and abilities that will be expected from the RSGB President in the role description at the end of this document. Please read this important document before applying for the role.

As the President is a Director of the Society, the remainder of this document applies equally to the role of President, as well as to Elected Directors.

## Applicants for Elected Director

### Introduction

If you are thinking of standing for appointment or election to the RSGB Board this pack is for you. It includes the following documents:

a) The Requirements for Office which all those standing for the Board are required to accept
b) A summary of the skill requirements for the RSGB Board.

An idea of the work of the Board can be gained from the Board Proceedings which can be read at: **rsgb.org/main/about-us/board-of-directors/board-proceedings-and-reports**

If you are planning to stand for appointment to the Board, you should read these documents carefully as you will be required to make declarations against them. When you prepare your candidate application form, you should particularly note that you are invited to highlight areas of skill and experience that tally with the Board’s skills requirements. Note that no one member of the Board will possess all the range of skills needed, but each candidate should bring some of those skills to the Board.

In your application you are required to confirm that you have read, understand and accept the Requirements for Office.

Those standing for the Board must be members of the RSGB who are at least 16 years’ old and have at least two years’ membership.

For Directors, the successful candidate’s term of office will start on the day of the AGM (April 2027) and will run for three years. For President, the term is two years.

## The Board's skills requirements

The RSGB is a medium-sized membership Society covering diverse interests within the UK amateur radio community. It is also a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 1985 with staff, assets and legal corporate responsibilities. The Memorandum and Articles (M & A) clause 27 state that *"the general governance of the Society is the responsibility of the Board of Directors."* As such the Board of Directors needs to ensure that it has the necessary skills, experience and competences among its number to execute that responsibility. The Company Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and General Manager are not Board Directors but attend Board meetings and advise the Board as needed.

### Competencies required

- The Board should have member(s) with skills and experience of working in a membership-based club or society, a volunteer-led organisation or experience of motivating volunteers
- The Board should, among its number, have member(s) active in some aspect of amateur radio and member(s) actively involved with technology relevant to amateur radio
- The Board will be involved in discussions with various authorities on spectrum development and protection and regulatory matters and as such will require member(s) with skills in this area
- The Board has overall governance, operational, financial and legal responsibility for the Society and, as such, experience of these responsibilities at senior level within a private, public or charity organisation is required individually or collectively among the Board members
- The Board should possess experience and skills among its number in the area of customer service excellence, education and training, publications, marketing and programme management.

The competencies above contain some items which will always be needed, and some which will vary in their importance dependent upon the circumstances in which the Society is operating and the Society's objectives. Additional skills may be added as necessary to ensure the Board is fit for purpose. It is self-evident that no one Director will possess all the above skills and experience, but collectively the Board should display a high level of competency across this skill set.

## Requirements for office

### Overview

Each member of the RSGB Board is legally the Director of the Radio Society of Great Britain,

a company registered in England and Wales. The Board members individually and collectively carry the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of a Company Director. Their primary role is to serve the members of the Society in an open, honest and ethical manner and to ensure the Society's long-term success. This document expands on the requirements and duties of all RSGB Board members.

**Requirements for office as an RSGB Board Director**

The statements below apply to all RSGB Board Directors. All candidates for Board Director are required to sign against these statements and, if requested provide evidence of compliance to them. Board Directors are required to notify the Company Secretary of any change of their status in this regard and of any other change in their information as required by Companies House.

All Board Directors shall:

- Have been a member of the Society for at least two years at the time of application
- Comply with the requirements for Company Directors as laid out in the Companies Act 2006
- Be UK domiciled, not nor have been disqualified from acting as a director of a company, not been convicted of an offence that is not spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, not an undischarged bankrupt, not have made a composition or arrangement with creditors from which you have not been discharged and otherwise be eligible and a fit and proper person, to be a director of a Company.
- Agree to develop and work towards the Society's Strategy
- Abide by the Society's Code of Conduct and the Nolan Principles and the RSGB ethics
- Have no conflict of interest or legal impediment that would interfere with the exercise of the Board Director's independent judgement, including the duty of loyalty owed to the RSGB and its members
- Be prepared to allocate sufficient time to the task of Board Director, including physical attendance at weekend Board meetings when held and virtual meetings by video conference
- Be prepared to work by electronic and virtual means
- Make a declaration to the Company Secretary of their personal membership of any secret or closed group or society
- Agree to a Basic DBS check

## RSGB President role description

**Role title:** President, Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB)

**Position type:** Elected Voluntary Officer; Board Director

**Term of Office:** 2 years

### 1. Executive summary

Whilst the RSGB Board Chair is the overall head of the RSGB, the President is the RSGB's principal figurehead and ambassador. Elected directly by the membership, the President helps to represent the UK amateur radio community and the RSGB nationally and internationally. Because every President brings distinct interests, the role is inherently flexible, allowing each office holder to shape their engagement to meet the strategic needs of the Society and the evolving amateur radio landscape.

The RSGB Board Chair is the head of the Society. The President's role is more one of 'soft power' helping deliver the Society's strategic priorities by personal engagement and presentational work.

### 2. Strategic and governance responsibilities

- **Board Directorship:** Serves as a full member of the RSGB Board of Directors. Shares collective statutory responsibility for strategy, oversight, risk assessment, and financial stewardship.
- **Leadership and ethos:** Promotes compliance with the RSGB Code of Conduct, the core ethos values, and the **Seven Principles of Public Life (Nolan Principles)**.
- **Strategic alignment:** Contributes to strategic direction across growth, participation, spectrum defence, diversity, and educational outreach.
- **Ex-Officio committee role:** Acts as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Society.
- Certain governance and appeal roles under the Articles, Bylaws and Policies of the RSGB.

### 3. External representation and advocacy

- **Public and media representation:** Acts as one of the key media voices and spokespeople during major events, interviews and news broadcasts.
- **National representation:** Represents the Society at key gatherings, including the RSGB AGM, the RSGB Convention, the National Hamfest, and local club/group events and rallies.
- **International relations:** Helps lead or support external delegations to international regulatory and amateur radio bodies (e.g., potentially the **International Amateur Radio Union - IARU**).
- **Advocacy:** Working with the Board, helps to articulate the value of amateur radio to government, Ofcom, educational groups, and the broader scientific community.

### 4. Community and volunteer engagement

- **Volunteer Leadership Team (VLT):** Works alongside the Board, Regional Representatives, and Committee Chairs to foster collaboration.
- **Club and member outreach:** Meets members, Special Interest Groups, and affiliated clubs across the UK to discuss their needs and celebrate achievements.
- **Recognition and honours:** Supports the Board in conferring Life Membership privileges and supports recognition programmes for outstanding volunteer service.

## 5. Attributes, knowledge and skills

- **Public speaking and presentation:** Strong public speaking capability to engage audiences ranging from small local clubs to large international conferences.
- **Domain knowledge:** A solid grasp of amateur radio, including spectrum issues, operating modes, technical innovation, and regulatory frameworks.
- **Understanding of the Society:** Deep familiarity with the RSGB's history, governance, headquarters operations, and services.
- **Communication and media:** Ability to handle live media interviews and communicate engagingly across digital and print channels.
- **Travel and time availability:** Ability to attend monthly Board meetings (virtual and physical), travel nationally and internationally for events, and make overnight visits as needed.

## 6. Candidate eligibility requirements

To stand for election as President, a candidate must:

- Be a Corporate Member of the RSGB for at least two years
- Be at least 16 years old
- Meet company director eligibility criteria under the Companies Act 2006
- Obtain 25 valid nominations from corporate members drawn from at least three regions (including at least five nominations from members of the Volunteer Leadership Team)
- Broadly meet the above attributes, knowledge and skills requirements