



## **RSGB Annual General Meeting 24 April 2021 at 12:00 noon - online**

The 94th Annual General Meeting of the Radio Society of Great Britain was held on 24 April 2021 and streamed live on our website and other online platforms.

Steve Thomas, M1ACB, the General Manager and Company Secretary, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone joining online:

The format of the online Annual General Meeting was agreed by the Board of the Radio Society of Great Britain in February 2021. The Calling Notice, Previous Minutes and Election details were published in the April 2021 edition of RadCom and on the Society's website at [www.rsgb.org/agm](http://www.rsgb.org/agm) together with the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Ian Shepherd, G4EVK, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting:

The President, Dave Wilson, M0OBW, the General Manager & Company Secretary, Steve Thomas, M1ACB and the Honorary Treasurer, Richard Horton, G4AOJ contributed to this meeting.

Members of the Board, senior members of staff and Elections Officer Stephen Purser, GW4SHF also joined the online meeting. These included:

Stewart Bryant, G3YSX and Len Paget, GM0ONX, who lead the Participation and Diversity strategic objectives and are Board Liaisons for the Operating Team which includes Contests, Trophies, Awards, Emergency Comms, Repeaters, Amateur Radio Direction Finding and the Operating Advisory Service;

Andy Mace, M0MUX and John Rogers, M0JAV who lead the Research and Growth objectives and are the liaison Directors for the Innovation Delivery Team which includes ARISS, the Youth Team, EMC, EMF and Propagation studies activities;

Dave Wilson, M0OBW leading the Representation Team works with IARU, and our objectives of Spectrum Management and Organisation - Dave has also been recently helping the Learning Team with work on examinations;

John Spurgeon, G4LKD leading our Growth and Membership strategic objectives and Board Liaison for the Learning team including Special Interest Groups, the Beyond Exams team and Accessibility;

Ian Shepherd, G4EVK, as Board Chair together with Steve Thomas, M1ACB lead the Professional Services Team which includes our HQ staff team to deliver our strategic objectives of Growth, Membership and Recognition and support the Legacy, Publications (including Books and RadCom), National Radio Centre, GB2RS, IT and Communications activities together with Finance, Membership Services, Administrative and corporate facilities delivery.



- **Resolution 1:** To receive and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting held on 25 April 2020 and circulated to Members in the April 2021 *RadCom*.

Motion proposed by John Rogers, M0JAV and seconded by Len Paget, GM0ONX.

**Motion carried 552/0**

- To receive and consider the accounts for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 and the reports of the Board and the Auditor which were available online from 1 April 2021:

The Honorary Treasurer, Richard Horton, G4AOJ, noted that there is an unqualified audit, which is what we would expect.

The Honorary Treasurer gave a brief summary of the accounting period 2020.

The Board concluded that in accordance with good governance practice that it was appropriate to change the Society's auditors. The existing auditors, Sayer Vincent, retired and following a competitive tender process the Board appointed Peters, Elworthy & Moore as the Society's auditors.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the contribution made by Sayer Vincent during their tenure as auditors.

#### **Duly received**

- **Resolution 2:** To appoint Peters, Elworthy and Moore as auditors and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.

Motion proposed by Ian Shepherd, G4EVK and seconded by Dave Wilson, M0OBW.

**Motion carried 570/7**

- **Resolution 3:** To endorse two Nominated Directors – the candidates were Paul Devlin, G1SMP and David Hills, G6PYF – as Directors of the RSGB to serve on the Board.

The Articles require that Nominated Directors are endorsed by the Membership in a secret ballot on or before the AGM [Article 33c]. Paul Devlin, G1SMP and David Hills, G6PYF were recommended to the Board as Nominated Directors by the Nominations Committee in January 2021. The Board accepted the recommendation at its meeting of 16 January 2021 and Paul Devlin, G1SMP and David Hills, G6PYF are offered for endorsement in accordance with the Articles.

In accordance with the Society's Bylaws voting was conducted electronically by Civica Election Services. The Election Officer, Stephen Purser, GW4SHF announced the results of the ballot.

Paul Devlin, G1SMP, was **duly endorsed** with 546 votes for and 21 against.  
David Hills, G6PYF, was **duly endorsed** with 556 votes for and 17 against.



- **Resolution 4:** To elect a President – the candidates were Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX and Simone Wilson, M0BOX – as the President of the RSGB and as a Director of the RSGB to serve on the Board.

In this election one candidate, Simone Wilson, M0BOX, exercised her right under Bylaw 4.5 to stand for Board Director as well as President. Bylaw 5.4 sets out a different voting arrangement as a consequence and Members were asked to vote for not more than two candidates for Board Director. If Simone had been elected as President and had the highest number of votes in the Board Director vote then the person with the second highest number of votes would have been duly elected; otherwise, the Board Director successful candidate would be the one with the highest number of votes. Bylaw 5.4 allows Members to vote for more candidates than there are vacancies in a Board election (Resolution 5) so that their preference is still counted if one of their chosen Board candidates is elected as President (Resolution 4)

In accordance with the Society's Bylaws voting was conducted electronically by Civica Election Services. The Election Officer, Stephen Purser, GW4SHF announced the results of the ballot.

Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX, received 360 votes.  
Simone Wilson, M0BOX, received 280 votes.

Dr Stewart Bryant, G3YSX, was therefore **duly elected** as President of the Society and will serve until the 2023 AGM.

- **Resolution 5:** To elect a Director – the candidates were John Louis Spurgeon, G4LKD; Rob Wilkes, 2W0HQD; Dave Wilson, M0OBW; Simone Wilson, M0BOX and Christopher Wood, GD6TWF – as a Director of the RSGB to serve on the Board.

The Election Officer, Stephen Purser, GW4SHF announced the results of the ballot.

John Louis Spurgeon, G4LKD, received 197 votes.  
Rob Wilkes, 2W0HQD, received 103 votes.  
Dave Wilson, M0OBW, received 354 votes.  
Simone Wilson, M0BOX, received 280 votes.  
Christopher Wood, GD6TWF, received 134 votes.

Dave Wilson, M0OBW, was therefore **duly elected** as a Director of the Society and will serve until the 2024 AGM.

The Chair thanked those Directors who stood down or reached the end of their term during the year.

There were Regional Representative vacancies for three Regions (Region 2, 6 and 12).  
The following were elected unopposed and their appointments started after the AGM:

Region 6: Liz Cabban, GW0ETU  
Region 12: David De La Haye, M0MBD.  
There were no valid nominations for Region 2.

The Chair congratulated Liz and David and welcomed them to the Regional Team.

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

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