

RSGB Board Elections 2021

These five Members have been duly nominated for the single Board vacancy – however please note that each Member has two votes – please see page 10 for an explanation of this and page 23 for details on how to vote.



John Louis Spurgeon, G4LKD

Curriculum Vitae: I'm a customer solutions architect for Fujitsu having worked in the IT sector since the 1980's. Previously I worked at Marconi's in Chelmsford. I'm also an active councillor for my local parish council. I have been involved in amateur radio since the 1970's and during this time, I have been involved in local clubs including Colchester Radio Amateurs; holding posts of secretary and treasurer as well as helping with the training of the RAE. Later I moved to Yorkshire where I joined the Sheffield ARC and later S&DWS and concurrently the Goole Radio and Electric Society.

Personal Statement: I have been interested in radio since the late 1960's as a member of my School radio club. I joined the Colchester Radio Amateur club whilst at the local polytechnic and took my RAE in March 1972 and became G8GIC. I passed my Morse code test in 1981 and became G4LKD. As a local parish councillor, I work to improve the services and amenities for my constituents. With the amateur radio community, I have been involved in local clubs at management level to introduce new initiatives to improve accessibility of amateur radio to the local community. During the 90's I was

involved in the local Scouts movement as a leader where we introduced Scouts to radio through the communicator badge. I am a keen contester and operate in both VHF/UHF and HF special events. Amateur radio is a very rich diverse hobby with many different aspects from local repeater chat, to propagation analysis, antenna design, homebrew, contesting and data modes, and with a smart Approach we can build a network of support to take the hobby into the 21st century. Since the last RSGB AGM I have been a nominated Board Director responsible for the learning team. I am also a member of the RSGB VLT assigned to the learning team group. If elected I will dedicate my time to improving the promotion of the hobby, encouraging a closer partnership between the RSGB and local clubs by developing initiatives to help promote and Support new amateurs onto the bands.

Nominators

Mr R Spurgeon, G3OMB
Mr C Niles, G0SWL
Mr S McGrory, G4GNP
Mr J Mitchener, GODVJ
Mr M Jackson, G8EOP

Mr P Day, G3PHO
Mr N Smith, G4DBN
Mr K McCann, G6YYN
Mr G Mantovani, G4ZVB
Mr D C Shaw, M5DWI



Rob Wilkes, 2W0HQD

Curriculum Vitae: I feel that my entire working life will help me in this role. I have spent my entire life working with people on all levels, from world class surgeons to the hospital cleaners and of course the patients. I work well under pressure and have an ability to calm a situation. I am used to balancing a budget, ordering equipment supplies etc. I am honest and trustworthy and will keep pushing the good name of the RSGB with correct level of courtesy and pride to help drive it into the next phase of its operation and guidance for future generations

Personal Statement: My name is Rob Wilkes, I am 51 from Caerphilly in Wales. I have been licensed for 17+ years. I give 100% to things I do and I am passionate about giving something back to the hobby that has already given me so much and continues to keep giving. I have ideas that I would like to see if they can come to life and help push the hobby into a position where it stays as a positive beacon to young, old and the disabled people. I would like to see a newly certified course. I have heard a lot of new people give up or really struggle because of this and we have lost people for something that is an easy fix. Another passion close to me is help bringing amateur radio to

the disabled across the spectrum of disabilities as it would give them a new lease on life, learning and friendships, even a sense of pride. Since I had to give up work to look after my partner, I have the time to be able to work in this role. I want to see the hobby keep going even though it means moving with the times as well as technology. I am a 2W0 call sign that I am proud of. It shows call signs really don't matter or stop you doing things or getting involved in the real running and workings of the society and it really is for the members by the members. Thank you.

Nominators

Mr R Evans, MWOCVT
Mr C Taylor, 2WODOE
Mr M A Uphill, MWOMAU
Mr G Jones, GWOANA
Mr P Probert, GW1PJP

Mr D C Goodwin, GWOLJW
Mr M Ryall, 2WOLBE
Mr D Lewis, GW4HBK
Mr A Taylor, MWOMWZ
Mr S W J Instone, GWONPL



Dave Wilson, M0OBW

Curriculum Vitae:

Immediate Past President RSGB
Examinations Quality Assurance Manager
District Representative – Greater Manchester

Past Chairman HFC & RSGB Convention

Active tutor – pre Covid-19

NoV Holder GB3MP & GB3CR

Chairman UKFM Group (Western)

Member of Widnes & Runcorn ARC

Exhibition Manager – NARSA Rally (Blackpool)

Personal Statement: Having been involved with the RSGB for many years in many different roles, I've made many good friends, both within the Society and externally – many of them in the last 12 months carrying out remote invigilation of the amateur radio examinations which has introduced hundreds of newcomers to this fascinating and challenging hobby. I feel that I still have lots to offer the Society, particularly in the area of training and learning. My idea to move to remotely invigilated exams has made access to the amateur radio examinations much much easier. I believe we do need to

have joined up processes around supporting people from an initial interest, through to obtaining a licence. Whilst it's not possible for the RSGB to provide direct training it's my view it could and should do a lot more to help students and tutors. RSGB Board Directors should endeavour to make themselves available to RSGB members whatever their interests, visiting affiliated clubs and special interest groups. I will ensure that proper consideration is given to ideas, comments and opportunities for change. Listening to the views and reactions of members, and non-members, on the work of the Society, should be a significant part of a Directors role. I'm very much of the opinion that just because the Society has always done it this way doesn't mean it has to continue living in the past. We should look forward to new opportunities to improve the services we provide.

Nominators

Mr J Groves, M0VRI
Mr D Sproston, G4YY
Mr D Brice, G0UIL
Mr T Beaumont, M0URX
Mr I M Douglas, G7MFM

Mr M Burrows, 2E0SBM
Mr C Colclough, G1VDP
Mrs E A Cabban, GWOETU
Dr C G Harrison, G8KRG
Mr P Hosey, M1OMSO

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Simone Wilson, M0BOX

Curriculum Vitae:

2018 – Current – Part Time Technical Advisor, Barber Wilsons & Co Ltd.

1994 - 2018 – Managing Director, Barber Wilsons & Co Ltd.

1986-1994 Principal Engineer (CAD) Intergraph (UK) Ltd.

2008 – Current RSGB CC Adjudicator

2019-2019 – RSGB Director

2018 – Present – Presenter at Cambridge 105 Radio and TMCR FM (N.E. Doncaster) Community Radio Stations.

Personal Statement: My love of radio was given to me by my Grandmother when we would sit together and tune her SW broadcast radio to listen to stations from around the world. My "Class B" call G6BOX was issued in March 1981. M0BOX was issued in the final tranche of 12wpm callsigns. I have a deep love of contesting and have served the society as an adjudicator as well as several years for BARTG. Data modes are my thing thanks to my son. He and I

would contest together as he loved the marriage of computers and radio but would never use a mic. I have been a member of several contest groups and general clubs with an active contesting team. I am currently a member of the Cambridge Repeater Group and the Cambs-Hams. I've also helped radio marshal various scouting walks over the years also working on special event stations. I enjoy working in the various teams formed for these activities, the social aspect of the hobby makes it so much more enjoyable. I love to give back to things that I get enjoyment from, hence the volunteer work I do. Radio has been one of two lifelong passions, I wish to continue to help in our hobby, and bringing my work experience to bear, to see it flourish into the future.

Nominators

Mr A Mace, M0MUX

Mr M J Tubby G8TIC

Mr R Evered, G2RE

Mr R G Titterington, G3ORY

Mrs J Goodey, G6XSX

Mr I W N Pawson, G0FCT

Mr L Micallef, M0LCM

Mr S P White, G3ZVV

Mr R M Chipperfield, M0VFC

Mr I R J Aldereton, G6IZA



Christopher Wood, GD6TWF

Curriculum Vitae: Licensed and an RSGB member since I was at school 40+ years ago. Held OZ4ACU whilst living in Denmark. Wide range of interests in amateur radio including HF and 2m portable. Supported Amateur Radio in Ethiopia with Sid May ET3SID (SK). Previously

a committee member of West Kent Amateur Radio Society and Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society. Chartered Accountant (FCCA) retiring from a senior role in a major bank early 2021. Company director 20+ years with recent professional experience relevant to role including board level responsibilities, dealing with regulators, and experience in complex projects delivering transformational change.

Personal Statement: I have been interested in radio since the age of 14 when I was lent an Eddystone 840A which I still have and maintained an interest ever since. I recognise the enormous breadth within the hobby and the RSGB membership and as a director I see it as critical to consider and recognise all of that diversity. I believe that a strong and effective RSGB is critical to protecting and developing our shared hobby. Covid creates new opportunities for the RSGB, and we have to continue

to develop the RSGB to respond to those opportunities.

My professional career has given me skills and experience to be an effective Director. A company director for 20+ years I have been working in banking but the skills are transferable. With retirement in early 2021 I will have the time and energy to devote to being an effective RSGB director. Recent experience of large scale projects to bring about transformational change, translates directly to projects developing the RSGB to move forward. Significant experience of controls and governance give me the understanding to manage the activities of the RSGB day to day. My understanding of strategy we allow me to support the delivery of the current RSGB strategy and further developing that strategy over time to respond to new opportunities and threats.

Nominators

Mr M Webb, GD6ICR

Mr A Morgan, GD1MIP

Mr R N Ferguson, GD4GNH

Mr N A Bayliss, GD0IDU

Mrs H Jones, MD6YBE

Mr N I Bazley, GD6AFB

Mr S B Hill, GDOOD

Mr J G Dowling, GD0TFG

Mr S Rand, GD7RVP

Mr A C Kissack, GD0TEP

Useful AGM Information

For the:

- Calling Notice, please see page 10
- Minutes of 2020 RSGB AGM, please see page 11
- Agenda and timings for the 2021 RSGB election, please see page 11
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- Regional Representatives election results, please see page 7
- Nominated Directors CV and personal statements, please see page 22
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For the 2020 Financial and Review of the Year, go to www.rsgb.org/agm

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These two candidates have been selected by the Nominations Committee to serve on the RSGB Board and require endorsement by the Membership – see page 23 for how to vote.

Nominated Directors

Paul Devlin, G1SMP



Curriculum Vitae: I am a dynamic, inspiring and highly versatile senior leader with a demonstrable track record of success, gained in influential roles within NHS. I have dedicated my thirty-year career to building the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to successfully lead operational teams and deliver large scale change. Resulting in the sustainability of front-line clinical services. I work at a national level for NHS England and NHS Improvement. I am responsible for supporting clinical and operational teams to implement best practice in emergency and urgent care. I am the founder and national lead for the NHS amateur radio station GB1NHS.

Personal Statement: This personal statement is provided in support of my application as Nominated Director for the RSGB Board. It provides an overview of how I would personally contribute to the continuing work and objectives of the Society. I would support the building of an active and thriving amateur radio community by demonstrating the benefits of using amateur radio as a public service, at an organisational level. I have successfully integrated amateur radio into the normal working practices of NHS England, for the purposes of improving health and wellbeing. The NHS is the only Government level organisation to have its own permanent special event station, callsign GB1NHS. I would use this as a case study and guide for organisations who would like to do the same. I would encourage active participation in amateur radio through the expansion of the “get on the air to care” campaign. This is an unprecedented partnership between the NHS and RSGB. It evolved from an idea I had to run a weekend project called “on the air to care”. Aimed at reducing loneliness and isolation during the global pandemic. I would also support the delivery of activities that promote the diversity and celebrate the inclusivity of amateur radio. This would link to the marketing and branding priorities. Finally, I would use my skills as a senior leader, improvement specialist and programme director to flexibly support RSGB organisational duties as appropriate.

David Hills, G6PYF



Curriculum Vitae: Currently employed as a Senior Programme Manager working for Vodafone deploying Automation Projects and Process Improvements for a variety of Vodafone products and services. I have also held senior management positions with the GSM Association, Lucent Technologies and Visonstream in Australia. I have extensive programme and project management skills along with a strong technical and commercial background. My interest in radio and electronics started when I was around 9 years old and was the springboard for my career in radio and telecommunications. I have been a licensed Amateur since 1984 and a member of the RSGB since around 1986.

Personal Statement: My interest in electronics started around the age of 9 and my curiosity soon led me to visit my first Radio Club in Stockton on Tees where I heard amateurs talking on SSB using a commercial radio. This was the starting point for what I consider a successful career in radio and telecommunications (as well as feeding my home brew passion as I could not afford commercial radios), that has literally taken me around the world. I have gained extensive knowledge of standards bodies, research and development of products and services and the contractual, commercial, and financial aspects of how a business is organised and operated. In addition to my corporate career, I am also an accredited business adviser and mentor for Small and Medium sized businesses which would I believe be of great use to the RSGB. During my career and travels around the world I have maintained my membership of the RSGB and tried to keep abreast of developments in Amateur Radio through RADCOM and other publications from the ARRL (current member) and WIA (past member). I am still very passionate about Amateur Radio and I would be honoured to be able to use my extensive experience and knowledge to assist the RSGB Board in its Growth of membership, protection of the Spectrum, promoting the Diversity of operating modes that are available to the RSGB and greater Amateur Community and in delivering organisational change and projects along with other strategic priorities as set by the RSGB Board.

New to Voting in the RSGB Elections?

The RSGB Board is entirely appointed by you, the RSGB Members. The RSGB is important to amateur radio. The Board of the RSGB sets the direction the Society follows and so it is very important that the people who sit on the Board are the people you, as the Members, wish to represent them.

You will see the list of candidates for President and Board Director at pages 18, 20 and 21. Unsure of who to vote for? Here are some suggestions to help you choose

1. Read the CVs and Personal Statements – these are written by the candidates – see if their background and aspirations match your view of what the Society needs.
2. See who has nominated them – is there someone there that you know? In nominating the candidate the nominator is saying that they feel the person they have nominated would be a good President or Board Director – a personal recommendation.
3. Choose someone you think matches the characteristics needed for a good Board Director: someone who is honest and has integrity; who acts professionally and is a team player; who has appropriate skills and experience, as well as time to carry out the role well.

The decision about who to vote for is entirely yours. But please DO vote – it takes only a few minutes and happens annually. All you need is your callsign and Membership number – the latter is on the *RadCom* wrapper, is viewable if you log into the RSGB website or can be obtained from HQ.