



69th Annual General Meeting

Nottingham University

15:30 to 17:30 Tuesday 5th January 2021

The meeting will be held online using Microsoft Teams

Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Announcements
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 68th AGM, January 2020 MBA, Plymouth
4. Matters arising
5. Reports from Elected Officers (* reports will be made available at <https://brphycsoc.org/>)
 - a. Secretary (Francis Bunker)
 - b. Acting Treasurer – co-opted (Nicky Slee)
 - c. Membership Secretary (Hilary Redden)
 - d. Student Representatives (Hannah Kemp and Eleanor Wood)
6. Reports from the Editors and Webmaster (*<https://brphycsoc.org/>)
 - a. Joint Editors of the *European Journal of Phycology* (Chris Maggs and Juliet Brodie)
 - b. Editor in Chief of *Applied Phycology* (John Beardall)
 - c. Editor of *The Phycologist* (Amanda Burson)
 - d. Webmaster (Andy Davies)
7. Elections (Francis Bunker)
 - a. Election of Ordinary Member of Council 2021
Despite an advertisement going out to the membership in the autumn issue of the *Phycologist*, there were no applications to join council and because of this, no elections were held. Council will consider co-opting Ordinary members in line with the Constitution, clause 11.
 - b. Election of Treasurer

Following the departure of Maeve Edwards as treasurer, Nicky Slee was co-opted by council in July 2020 to be acting treasurer until new elections could be arranged. An advertisement for the position of treasurer was published in the autumn issue of the Phycologist.

Nicky Slee was proposed by Jason Hall-Spencer and seconded by Jane Lewis and there were no other applications. Therefore, Nicky Slee is elected Treasurer of the Society for a 3-year term of office.

Vote of thanks to Maeve Edwards for all the work she has done for the society

8. Change of independent examiner

Following challenges in working with the current BPS-approved accountants based in Belfast, Council want to move to a new accountancy firm. The AGM is asked to retrospectively appoint the new firm to prepare and be the independent examiner of the year end 2018-2019 accounts and appoint them as our independent examiners for the 2019-2020 accounts.

- i *Vote to authorise move of accountants to LM Griffiths (in Pembrokeshire) for the year 2018-2019.*
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9. Election of an Honorary Member

Due to the sad passing away of Dr. Linda Irvine, there is a new vacancy for an Honorary Member. Council wish to recommend Prof. Mike Dring as the new Honorary Member.
Vote on Honorary Member recommendation

10. Taylor & Francis announcement of exciting new publication and Prize Draw

11. Hilda Canter-Lund Prize Draw

12. Subcommittee reports ([*https://brphycsoc.org/](https://brphycsoc.org/))

- a. Awards and Training Committee (Graham Underwood)
- b. Biodiversity and Conservation Committee (Martin Wilkinson)
- c. Algal Outreach Committee (Martyn Kelly)
- d. Algal Applications Committee (Gill Malin)
- e. Natural History Museum Representative (Juliet Brodie)

13. Federation Reports

- a. Federation of European Phycological Societies (FEPS) (Geoff Codd)
- b. Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS) (Anne Jungblut)
- c. Royal Society of Biology (Graham Underwood)

14. Future Annual meetings

Swansea University, January 2022. University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, January 2023