

BRITISH AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Notice of the 68th Annual General Meeting

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 April 2021 at 4.30 pm by Zoom. As no AGM was held in 2020 due to the restrictions on meetings imposed during the first period of Lockdown, the AGM will cover the two years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Members wishing to attend the meeting will have to register in advance through the Society's home page (www.bahs.org.uk) to secure a Zoom link. The agenda and other papers will be posted on the Society's website on Tuesday 6 April 2021. Any member who wishes to have paper copies of the documents presented at the AGM should write to the Acting Secretary at the address given at the end.

Nominations for officers of the Society and members of the Executive Committee should be received by 5 pm on Friday 2 April 2021. The form nominations should take and the email address to which they should be sent is given below.

It was the intention of the Executive Committee to bring forwards to this meeting proposals for the amendment of the constitution. Due to the difficulties posed by present circumstances, this is deferred to a later annual meeting.

R. W. Hoyle
Acting Secretary
26 January 2021

The notice for the Annual General Meeting and associated papers unaccountably omitted Dr Rebecca Ford from the list of members of the Executive Committee. I am extremely sorry for this oversight. This revised version reinstates her in her right place.

R. W. Hoyle
10 February 2021

Notes on the nomination of officers and ordinary members of the Executive Committee

Our inability to hold an AGM in 2020 has made for some complications which need to be laid before the members of the Society.

The Executive Committee of the Society consists of the officers of the Society (the Secretary and Treasurer), the Editors of *Agricultural History Review* (two posts) and 12 elected members. The President of the Society attends ex-officio. The chair of the Executive Committee is elected from amongst its members for a term of three years. The EC also appoints from amongst its members (or members of the Society) more generally officers with specific responsibilities, for instance the editor of *Rural History Today*.

The members of the EC serve as the trustees of the Society and have the usual duties and responsibilities of charitable trustees.

The president of the Society is elected by the AGM for a term of three years. Dr Paul Brassley will continue as President for a further year and no election is necessary.

The other officers of the Executive Committee are elected by the AGM for the term of a year which is normally renewed at successive AGMs. The ordinary members of the EC are elected for terms of four years, renewable once, after which they have to take a year of intermission before they can be nominated again ('a fallow year') although they can be elected officers of the Society during or at the end of their term as an ordinary member.

The Secretary of the Society, Dr Holland, resigned on 26 April 2020. The post has been filled on a temporary basis until this AGM by Professor Richard Hoyle.

In accordance with longstanding plans, Dr W. D. Shannon intended to stand down as Treasurer at the 2020 AGM but has continued in office and will remain as Treasurer until the end of this financial year. He has undertaken to prepare the accounts for 2020-21 and will present them at the AGM. The Executive Committee will bring forwards the nomination of Derek Shepherd as his successor and if elected by the AGM, Mr Shepherd will enter office at the AGM. Over the past year he has been progressively taking over responsibility for financial affairs of the Society from Dr Shannon.

Professor Richard Hoyle remains as nominal Editor of *Agricultural History Review*, but the planned handover of responsibilities to Professor Paul Warde took place in the winter of 2019-20. Professor Warde has acted as *de facto* editor since volume 68 part one in 2020 and will be nominated in Professor Hoyle's place at the next AGM when Professor Hoyle will formally demit office.

A number of members of the EC have resigned since the AGM held in 2019 (Professor Griffiths, Professor Sayer, Dr Wadsworth). It has reinforced its numbers by inviting a number of members of the Society to join the committee on the understanding that their term of co-option would end at the AGM and they would stand for election as ordinary members. They are Drs Broad, Claridge and Davies.

The current officers of the Society are therefore

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| President: | Dr Paul Brassley |
| Acting Secretary: | Professor R. W. Hoyle (who stands down at the AGM) |
| Treasurer: | Dr W. D. Shannon (who stands down at the AGM to be replaced by Mr Shepherd) |
| Editor, <i>Agricultural History Review</i> : | Professor R. W. Hoyle (who stands down at the AGM to be replaced by Professor Warde) |
| Reviews Editor, <i>Agricultural History Review</i> : | Dr John Morgan |

The ordinary members of the Executive Committee at 1 January 2021 were as follows (together with the dates at which they retire from the committee)

Dr James Bowen (2023)
Dr Rebecca Ford (retires 2021 but can be immediately re-elected for a second term)
Dr Henry French (retires 2021 and not eligible for immediate re-election)
Dr Juliet Gayton (2023)
Professor Carl Griffin (retires 2021 and not eligible for immediate re-election)
Professor John Martin (retires 2021 but can be immediately re-elected for a second term)
Professor Nicola Verdon (retires 2023)
Professor Paul Warde (moves to Editor in 2021)
Professor Nicola Whyte (retires 2021 and not eligible for immediate re-election)

Members of the Society co-opted to the EC on 3 September 2020 until the AGM

Dr John Broad
Dr Jordan Claridge
Dr John Davies

Of the existing members of the EC, the following continue: Drs Bowen and Gayton and Professor Verdon. Dr Ford and Professor Martin can be re-nominated for election having only served one term as an EC member.

There are potentially nine vacancies on the EC, three of which it is expected will be filled by the co-opted members offering themselves for election.

Nominations

Nominations for officers and ordinary members of the EC should be sent by email to the Acting Secretary by 5 pm on Friday 2 April 2021 at secretary@BAHS.org.uk.

Nominations should contain

- (1) The name and email address of the proposer
- (2) The name and email address of the seconder

(3) The name and email address of the person being nominated, a statement confirming that they are willing to serve if elected and a short statement of their standing within the discipline.

Nominees for the Executive Committee should take care to ensure that their subscription to the Society is fully paid up.

Any postal communications concerning these arrangements should be sent to the Acting Secretary at Suvikuja, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Reading, RG7 1PH.

R. W. Hoyle
Acting Secretary
26 January 2021

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