



BOU 2019 Annual General Meeting

1800 h | 27 March 2019 | Ramphal Building, University of Warwick, UK

The 2019 AGM will be held on 27 March 2019 as part of the 2019 Annual Conference at the University of Warwick.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes[‡] of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28 March 2018 at the University of Nottingham.
[‡] Minutes are available online via bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/ or from the BOU Office on request.
3. Adoption of the Annual Report of Council and Approval of Accounts for 2018.
4. Elections to Council:
Council proposes that **Juliet Vickery** be elected as President, to replace Keith Hamer; **Tony Fox** be elected as Vice President, to replace Juliet Vickery; **Neil Bucknell** be re-elected as Vice President (for a further term of two years); that **Francis Daunt** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council, to replace Darren Evans as Chair of the Meetings Committee; that **James Gilroy** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council, to replace Andrew Harrop (co-opted) as Chair of the Records Committee; that **Rowena Langston** be elected as an Ordinary Members of Council, to replace Graeme Buchanan; and **Rosie Trevelyan** be elected as an Ordinary Members of Council. (See notes below and page 16)

Any other nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary (c/o the BOU Office) by 15 February 2019 – Rule 17.2 applies*

5. Reappointment of Auditors
6. Any other business.
Any items should be received by the Honorary Secretary (c/o the BOU Office) by 15 February 2019 – Rule 10.3 applies*

*BOU rules are available online via bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/ or from the BOU Office on request.

Notes to the agenda of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union

Item 3 – copies of the Annual Report of Council and Accounts for 2017 will be available at the annual conference ahead of the AGM; they will also be available on the BOU website (bou.org.uk) and from the BOU Office from 19 March 2019.

Item 4 - Council nominees for election to Council (see agenda item 4, above):



Juliet Vickery – nominated as President

Juliet is head of international research at RSPBs Centre for Conservation Science. Following a DPhil at Oxford University she held research positions at the University of East Anglia, Scottish Natural Heritage, the University of Edinburgh and the BTO. Key research interests include ecology and conservation of farmland and migrant birds, the protection of biodiversity in UK overseas territories, and the link between livelihoods and conservation. Juliet is an honorary research fellow at the University of Cambridge, Chair of the Policy Committee of the British Ecological Society, part of the expert panel for the Darwin Initiative, and on the advisory group for the Cambridge student conference.

Item 4 (continued) – Council nominees for election to Council (see agenda item 4, page 9):



Tony Fox – nominated as Vice President

Tony cannot remember being uninterested in birds and feels deeply privileged to be employed to continue his hobby. After a PhD spent waist-deep in peat studying hydrology in a Welsh raised bog, two ornithological expeditions to west Greenland and two years working for the Nature Conservancy Council in Wales and the Scottish Highlands, he moved to the Wildfowl Trust (now Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust) at Slimbridge to concentrate on waterbird research, a field in which he has happily worked in ever since. He moved to Denmark in 1993, where he is currently a research professor at Aarhus University.



Neil Bucknell – nominated for re-election as Vice President (for a further two years)

Neil has been a local birdwatcher and survey worker in his native Berkshire since the 1970s, participating in, or helping to organise, many local projects, including two bird atlas projects and subsequent county avifaunas incorporating their results. A solicitor by profession, Neil has served on the committees and governing bodies of many organisations including chair of the Berkshire (formerly Reading) Ornithological Club twice, and is now their President. He served as BOU Honorary Secretary 1997–2006, and has completed a term as BTO Honorary Secretary.



Francis Daunt – nominated as Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the Meetings Committee

Francis joined the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology in 2001 after completing a PhD at the University of Glasgow. He is a seabird ecologist whose research links ecology, life history variation and population dynamics to understand the drivers of change in seabirds, in particular climate change, fisheries and marine renewables. He coordinates CEH's long-term study of seabird populations on the Isle of May. He has led numerous research grants and contracts funded by NERC, EU, UK/devolved governments and the offshore renewables industry, and has published >100 peer-reviewed papers. Francis has served as an ordinary member of the BOU's Meetings Committee and been involved running several BOU conferences.



James Gilroy – nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the Records Committee

James is a Lecturer in Ecology at the University of East Anglia. His research combines ecological modelling, large-scale spatial analysis and field-based empirical studies, to examine how movement behaviour influences the way species respond to environmental change. A lifelong birder and natural historian, he is fascinated with migration, and understanding how populations can adapt to human-induced changes. Alongside his work on migratory birds, he has a strong interest in exploring how agricultural land-use decisions can be optimised to protect biodiversity, particularly in the tropics.



Rowena Langston – nominated as Ordinary Member of Council

An ornithologist and conservation scientist, Rowena has worked mainly for the RSPB and BTO during the last 30 years, providing scientific advice to the conservation sector, government departments and industry, at home and abroad. Since retiring from her role as a Principal Conservation Scientist with the RSPB in 2016, she has continued practical conservation work and biological surveys, including commissioning and overseeing surveys on a range of taxa. She is a founder Trustee of the Little Ouse Headwaters Project (LOHP), a community conservation charity, restoring and managing valley fens along the Suffolk/Norfolk border. Rowena has helped organise two BOU conferences, on renewable energy and climate change.



Rosie Trevelyan – nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council

Rosie is the Director of the Tropical Biology Association which has built the capacity of over 2,000 conservation scientists from 70 countries. She is a founding member of the Cambridge Conservation Initiative and was a member of the Zoology Department's Athena Swann Committee at the University of Cambridge. Rosie was awarded the Zoological Society of London's Silver Medal in 2008 for contributions to wildlife conservation and education and is the British Ecological Society's equality and diversity champion, 2018. She has a BA and DPhil (bird life history variation) from the University of Oxford.