

BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

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BOU 2020 Annual General Meeting

29 June 2020, 1700 h (GMT+1, London)

A virtual meeting to be hosted on Zoom

The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was originally scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 8 April 2020, as part of the 2020 Annual Conference at the University of Nottingham. The UK Government's enforced lockdown, imposed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, meant that the conference and AGM could not go ahead.

With no member attending, the advertised 8 April AGM was not quorate and therefore automatically adjourned (Rule 11).

Our Rules state that we are required to hold an AGM within 15 months of the date of the last AGM (Rule 9.2). Our Rules do not explicitly prevent us from holding an AGM digitally so, in order to comply with Rule 9.2 and to conduct the business advertised in the original AGM notice and detailed below, we shall host the 2020 AGM on 29 June at 1700 h using the online platform, Zoom.

For a re-convened AGM please note Rule 11.6 which will apply for this meeting:

If no quorum is present at the re-convened meeting within fifteen minutes of the time specified for the start of the meeting the members present at that time shall constitute the quorum for that meeting.

Registering to attend the AGM

Members wishing to attend the AGM are asked to pre-register (see accompanying email or letter for details) so we can ensure we have the available licence and plan for the expected capacity required for a digital meeting. As this is a closed meeting (not open to the public), only BOU members who register will be able to access the meeting.

Agenda

For this re-convened AGM, the original agenda from the 8 April 2020 meeting notice remains unaltered:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes[‡] of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 29 March 2019 at the University of Warwick.
[‡]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 2019.

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4. Elections to Council:
Council proposes that **Sonya Clegg** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council, to replace Phil Atkinson as Chair of the Grants Committee; and **Julie Miller** be elected as an Ordinary Members of Council, to replace Tom Finch.

Any other nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary (c/o the BOU Office) by 15 February 2020 [no other nominations were received] – 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 2020 [no other items were notified] – 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 2020 Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union

Item 3 – copies of the Annual Report of Council and Accounts for 2019 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 2020.

Item 4 - Council nominees for election to Council (see page 1):

Sonya Clegg

Nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the Grants Committee
Sonya is Associate Professor of Evolutionary Ecology at the Department of Zoology, University of Oxford. Sonya's research focuses on unravelling the evolutionary processes that promote divergence in wild vertebrate systems. She uses a variety of methodologies to answer questions about genomic, morphological, ecological and behavioural differentiation, including the role of natural selection and the ecological and evolutionary importance of disease in bird communities. Her primary research systems are island colonising birds of south-west Pacific islands and she runs a long-term study of silvereyes on Heron Island, Australia. She has served on the BOU Grants Committee for the last two years.



Julie Miller

Nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council
Julie is an ornithologist and seabird ecologist at the University of Glasgow completing her PhD in quantitative modelling of seabird demography, with an applied interest in assessment of impacts to populations from human activities. Passionate about the natural world, Julie is particularly interested in blue-sky questions in ecology, quantitative approaches to assess patterns in data and applied conservation management. Growing up in Glasgow she has a keen interest in social connectivity with nature and accessibility of science

