



Historical Association

The voice for history

ELECTIONS TO GOVERNING COUNCIL

Dear member

This booklet includes ballot papers and information regarding candidates for election to Governing Council for representatives of Branches & Members Committee and Public History Committee.

As a member of the Historical Association you are entitled to vote in these elections. Please read the candidates' statements carefully before casting your votes.

Other places have been filled without election as nominations received did not exceed the places available.

The following trustee places were filled unopposed:

Primary Committee

- Beverly Forrest
- Karin Doull (Karin is elected for her second term on Council)

Secondary Committee

- Helen Snelson
- Jason Todd

Directly elected to committee-only places unopposed are:

Primary Committee

- Jane Freemantle
- Chris Trevor
- Sarah Whitehouse

Secondary Committee

- Zoe Howells
- Ruth Lingard
- Elisabeth Page

Branches & Members

- Gillian Burnett
- Michael Rye

Election to Governing Council for Branches & Members Representatives 2016-2019

Closing Date: Monday 5 October 2015

**There are two places available on Governing Council for representatives of Branches & Members Committee and the following three nominations have been received.
Please read the candidates' statements carefully before casting your vote.**

Dr Peter Hounsell, FHA Ealing Branch

My first encounter with the Historical Association took place when I was a teenager, and the history teacher at our school took some of the boys to lectures at his local branch. After acting as secretary to the Southampton University History Society, I joined the HA on graduating in 1970, and I have been, successively, Secretary and Chairman of the Ealing Branch. So I bring over 40 years of experience of running a successful branch, and would like to work to develop and sustain the network of branches that underpins the work of the HA.

I did not have a professional career in history, but I pursued my academic interests by studying for a doctorate in my forties. I continue to research, write and lecture, most recently on the history of rubbish! In retirement I am chair of governors of a primary school.

It seems to me important to try to bring the different interest groups within the HA together. The Ealing Branch has never had significant teacher involvement, but I am keen to work with schools in creating local history resources. I have had some small success with one local high school and I am trying to develop that further.

Roy Hughes, FHA Manchester Branch

I studied history at Liverpool University before going on to gain a PGCE in primary teaching. Later (after a period abroad) I continued with historical research at Birmingham University. I am particularly interested in the novel, historical fiction, intellectual history and local history.

I served on a variety of national and branch committees and was secretary for a considerable period of the Liverpool, Manchester and Chester Branch; I continue to serve on my local committee.

I believe wholeheartedly in local branches of the HA and in a deep espousal of the locality. The importance of local work must be recognised, perhaps in non-conventional ways, but with no disjunction between principle and practice.

During my career I have worked for English Heritage, the University of Leeds and Chester College. For almost two decades I was headteacher of an inner city Salford primary school. This enlarged my perspectives morally and educationally. My work with the learning of younger children has led me to be Chairman of the Association for the Study of Primary Education (ASPE) and – currently – Deputy Chair. I am a member of the editorial board of *Education 3-13* (Routledge), the leading primary education journal.

I am deeply conscious of the extent of the symbiotic relationship between the HA and history in its widest and local sense.

Mike Short Bath Branch

Following a career in education during which I was a faculty head, senior teacher, county advisor, national executive committee member of the Association of Teacher and Lecturers and national-level consultant for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, I have been the secretary of the HA's Bath Branch for the past five years. The branch runs a programme of high-quality lectures, visits and other events. Its membership and attendance at lectures have increased substantially.

I would like to be a trustee because I have the time, energy, experience and commitment to do the job well, and I hope to make a contribution to increasing the HA's membership and raising its profile among both history professionals and with the many others who enjoy reading and hearing about history and visiting historical places.

I think that the HA would benefit from a closer and more continuous relationship between its central organisation and the branches. There is scope for establishing new branches. The branches have many members who are described as 'branch' or 'associate' members who do much to help organise and support their branch. I think they deserve more recognition and some rights within the HA's rules and structures.

Election to governing council for Public History representatives 2016-2019

Closing Date: Monday 5 October 2015

There are two places available on Governing Council for representatives of Public History Committee and the following three nominations have been received. Please read the candidates' statements carefully before casting your vote.

Claire Hubbard-Hall

I am the Branch Secretary for the City of Lincoln branch and I am also a Senior Lecturer in History at Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln (branch home). The branch members know me as the historian who is, according to some, REALLY interested in spies and the secret past. If elected, I would like to explore the ways in which the HA can assist in the interpretation, preservation and presentation of history (including untold histories) to the public.

The HA has an important role to play in how the public connects with the past ensuring historical knowledge, ideas and experiences are shared in an engaging and accessible way, with as many different communities as possible. I am currently exploring ways in which this can be achieved with the International Bomber Command Centre and Memorial (Lincoln, UK). As a HA Trustee and member of the Public History Committee, I would work to strengthen the voice of the HA through the creation of partnerships with heritage organisations, archives and museums, public events and history festivals, TV & radio etc. I am wholly committed to encouraging the engagement of all those interested in history and I look forward to being given the chance to create exciting opportunities for the HA, its members and the public from 2016 onwards.

Geoffrey Smyth

I am a member of the North West London Branch of the Historical Association. I am a retired solicitor but, outside my day job, my passion from a very early age has been history. I studied history at A-Level and am currently History Teaching Assistant (A-Level) at Parmiters School in Watford.

I lead the History Group of the Radlett University of the Third Age. I am a Tour Guide certified by the City of London Corporation, the London Borough of Islington and St Albans Cathedral.

As a trustee member of the HA's Public History Committee I would like to do all I can to promote historical interest and education in schools and among the public. Holidays have been greatly enriched by my interest in the subject and when visiting places of historic interest and in tour guiding. I would like to communicate that interest to others.

Andrew Wrenn

I am a history education consultant, former history advisor to Cambridgeshire schools and history teacher. I am also an experienced teacher trainer and was a visiting lecturer to the University of Cambridge Secondary History PGCE course.

I have represented the Secondary Education Committee on Council since 2010 and was awarded an honorary fellowship of the association in July 2015. I am well aware of the vital role that those in universities, museums, archives and the media (as well as teachers) play in supporting the nurturing of historical knowledge among the population at large, including in times of austerity.

I have worked with many bodies concerned with public history and heritage such as the British Library, English Heritage, the National Theatre and the BBC. My particular expertise and interest is in helping museums and heritage organisations make the most of local sites in their public outreach.

I have been involved in a number of significant projects exploring diversity and community cohesion, most recently developing education support on the contribution of Sikh soldiers to the First World War based on a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project for the UK Punjab Heritage Association. I will also be contributing to a national HLF project researching and publicising the role of Muslim soldiers of the British Indian Army between 1914 and 1918.

Please mark the boxes against the names you wish to vote for. There is no need to rank them. Incorrectly completed or unsigned votes will not be counted. The voting paper may be returned in the FREEPOST envelope provided. Votes received up to midday on MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2015 will be counted.

BALLOT PAPER:

Council Representatives of Branches & Members Committee

TWO places are available on Council for representatives of Branches & Members Committee. Please put a cross next to your TWO chosen candidates. Elections are run on a strictly first-past-the-post basis.

My two votes are as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr Peter Hounsell, FHA | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Short |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roy Hughes, FHA | |

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I certify that I am a member of the Historical Association and that my subscription is current. Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Name and Title:

Address:

Membership Number (as printed on your card):

Signature:

Date: