

Important Notice

Election of BECS Directors 2017



Dear Member,

In this pack, you will find relevant papers for this year's AGM including your invitation to attend, your form of proxy should you not be able to attend and details of the election to be held with the associated voting form. Please read through the documents carefully. We hope to see you on 15th December 2017.

Kind Regards,

Tayyiba Nasser
Company Secretary

At this year's Annual General Meeting, BECS Members will be invited to elect from BECS members up to five Directors to serve on the Board of BECS from 15 December 2017 until the 2020 Annual General Meeting, subject to the Articles of BECS.

The current Articles of BECS allow for three Elected Directors on the Board. BECS Members will be invited to approve changes to the BECS Articles which will increase the number of Elected Directors from three to five.

If the changes are agreed, then, in accordance with the updated articles, the election will be run for five Elected Directors who will each serve for a term of three years as provided by the updated Articles.

If the updates are not agreed, then in accordance with the current Articles, the election will be run for three Elected Directors who will each serve for a term of three years as provided by the current Articles.

Inside this booklet you will find details of the eight candidates who wish to stand for election, together with a voting paper for completion by BECS Members.

Please select up to 5 candidates only.

Please note that incomplete or illegible voting papers will not be counted.



Anthony Blakesley

Since joining Equity twelve years ago I have served on various committees over the years.

The reason I want to be on the board of directors at BECS is so that I can give the board the benefit of my experience after years of being on various Committees with Equity.

Positions held:

- Chair – Yorkshire Ridings General Branch, 2008 – 2012
- Chair – Equity South Yorkshire Variety Branch, 2008 – present
- Northern Area Committee, 2006 – 2013
- Variety Advisory Committee, 2009 – 2013
- Walk-On and Supporting Artists Committee, 2011-2013
- attended Annual Representative Conference since 2007 and currently serving on Equity's Appeals and Standing Orders Committee



Robin Browne

During 2017, BECS has tirelessly represented its members despite challenging months of negotiations both at home and abroad. Without BECS

the profession would be very much poorer and I will continue to support its ethical position of putting your financial interests first.

Positions held:

- BECS board member and Observer on behalf of the CPMA since 2005
- Current Board Member of the Equity Charitable Trust
- Past member of Equity Council



Jo Cameron-Brown

I was one of the founding Equity members to set up BECS, in 1998, and have taken a keen interest in BECS ever since. Laws change, and alliances shift, and I would welcome being more directly involved as BECS weaves its way through these transitions. The rights of all BECS members will always be paramount in my thinking, and I ask for your support.

Positions held:

- Long standing Equity Councillor
- Screen and New Media Committee – current Vice Chair
- International Performers' Aid Trust – Vice Chair
- BECS Director (2010-2016)



Wally K. Daly

I was on the board of the ALCS in its early years and gained a great deal of experience of the workings of the board, and would call on that experience

in the proposed role.

With over forty years' experience in the profession, I believe I can add value as a member of the Board.

Positions held:

- Former Chairman of Writers Guild of Great Britain
- Board Director of ALCS in its early years



Natasha Gerson

I am an experienced audio-visual performer and Equity member who lives in Scotland. I also have a law degree.

I served on the first BECS Board in 1998 and have just completed two further terms as a board member, the latter during an important period of our development.

The distribution of statutory monies to performers is a singular and vital service. I should like to continue to be part of the Board.

Positions held:

- Current BECS Director
- Equity Scottish Committee – Chair
- STUC General Council – Member
- STUC Women’s Committee – Member



Barry Newton

Currently retired. Part time Actor/ Model.

81 years of Age and worked in entertainment industry from age of 9 years.

For the past ten years I have assisted in housing roles at Dacorum Borough Council up to July of this year when I resigned as Chairman of their Housing Tenant and Scrutiny Panel.

I am currently Chairman of the National Film Awards Academy and work a lot in conjunction with the CEO of Invincible 1999.



Frederick Pyne

BECS was set up when I was Equity President and I have served almost continuously ever since, including twice as Chair and once as vice Chair.

Having suffered huge changes with Equity taking back work in house, now is not the time for major changes in BECS leadership.

I would appreciate your continued support to oversee the next three crucial years and our new relationship with the AISGE Foundation. Thank you for your past support.

Positions held:

- Current BECS Director
- Equity Charitable Trust – Vice Chair
- Combined Theatrical Charities Appeal Council – Vice Chair
- Evelyn Norris Trust – Chair
- International Performers’ Aid Trust
- Experienced Theatre Practitioners Early Playwriting Trust



Jean Rogers

I am proud of BECS’ unblemished record of service, efficiently surviving years of unpredictable revenue. Losing Equity as a valued customer

has added to the uncertainty, but through tough but measured decisions BECS is becoming more secure and settled in new exciting performer friendly accommodation, has the potential of providing new training possibilities to members. I am optimistic about the future and hope you will elect me to continue working in all our best interests.

Positions held:

- Current BECS Chair and Director (elected by BECS membership 2014-17)
- BECS Chair 2008-14 (Equity appointee)
- Current Equity Councillor
- Equity Vice President (2004-14)
- 2017 Winner TUC Women’s Gold Badge Award

Voting Paper

You may vote for **no more** than **five** candidates.

Simply put an X (a cross) next to each candidate that you wish to vote for with a **maximum** of five.

You do not have to use all of your votes; the suggested number is a maximum.

Blakesley, Anthony

Browne, Robin

Cameron-Brown, Jo

Daly, Wally

Gerson, Natasha

Newton, Barry

Pyne, Frederick

Rogers, Jean

Name of Member (BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE)

BECS Member Number

Signature of Member

Date

Notes

- 1 Nominations were called for following notice being given to all BECS's members on 15 September 2017.
- 2 Eight nomination forms were duly received by the closing date of 13 October 2017.
- 3 Completed voting papers should either be returned by post using the Freepost address on the back of the voting paper to be received no later than 10am on Wednesday 13 December 2017, or handed in to BECS officials when votes are called for during the Annual General Meeting which takes place on 15 December 2017.
- 4 If you are a BECS member and you intend to vote at the Annual General Meeting you must bring this voting paper with you for use at the meeting. Duplicate voting papers will not be issued.
- 5 There are two ways in which you can submit your voting paper:

By Post: By returning the completed voting paper in an envelope addressed to the Freepost address: FREEPOST BECS LTD

Or

In Person: By bringing the voting paper with you to the Annual General Meeting, to take place on Friday 15 December 2017 from 1.30pm in the NFT3, BFI Southbank, Belvedere Road, London SE1 8XT, when you will be able to submit your vote as part of the business of the meeting.

Please note that voting papers returned by post must reach BECS by no later than 10am on Wednesday 13 December 2017. Papers received after this time will not be eligible as returned voting papers.

This Election Notice is issued by BECS, Plouviez House, 19-20 Hatton Place, London EC1N 8RU

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