

## **Hustings for Secretary and four additional members of the National Council Monday 13 December 19.00-20.00 via Zoom**

By the close of nominations on Saturday 11 December

We have received two nominations for Secretary:

- Mark Johnston
- Eleanor Rylance

We also received one nomination for Diversity Officer and one for Treasurer. These were Clare Moody and David Edwards respectively and are declared elected.

For the up to four additional members of the National Executive we have received a total of seven nominations:

- Paul Bowers
- Barbara Callender
- Peter Corkill
- Richard Morris
- Peter Packham
- Dan Price
- Jane Thomas

**Hustings** will take place as above and all candidates and voting members of the National Council will be issued with the Zoom login details as well as the nomination forms, cvs and statements for the Secretary post and candidates' statements for the up to four additional National Executive posts on Monday 13 December.

For the position of Secretary each candidate (order chosen by toss of coin) will be asked to speak for up to two minutes followed by up to 15 minutes of questions, set out in writing in the Q&A facility of Zoom, which will be asked in the order and at the discretion of the Returning Officer to both candidates who may answer for up to 1 minute on each.

For the positions of up to four additional members each of the seven candidates will be given up to 1 minute to introduce themselves (order to be decided by lot by the Returning Officer immediately prior to the hustings) followed by up to 15 minutes of questions posted in the Q&A facility which will be directed to all the candidates in the order and at the discretion of the Returning Officer who each will be given up to one minute to answer each question.

**Voting** will take place between 09.00 15 December – 17.00 17 December and all members of the National Council will be provided with discrete electronic voting instructions. Any votes received electronically outside these times or by any other means will be discounted. The post of Secretary will be filled by the candidate of the two who receives the highest number of votes (first-past-the-post).

For the up to four elected posts to the National Executive the Constitution determines that (Art.14.8) "Each of the members of the National Executive elected by the National Council from amongst its members shall be so elected by means of the single transferable vote system and according to such rules as may be approved from time to time by the National Council." In the event, therefore, as there are more than four candidates for these positions any candidate(s) who achieve(s) the quota plus 1 (Droop quota: total votes ÷ total seats + 1 - the preferred option of the Electoral Reform Society) will be elected. Surplus votes will then be transferred using the fractional method (used for all STV elections in Scotland and Northern Ireland and elections to the Australian and Irish Senates) to ensure that all posts are filled. Electors will be able to number the candidates by numerical preference up to four. Any ballots that do not have progressive numerical voting or any other indication of preference will be discounted.