



## **BFS Council Nominations November 2023**

### **Reappointments**

The following individuals have put themselves forward for reappointment to the council:

#### **1. Reappoint Gavin Stewart**

In my time on the BFS council I have helped organise in person and online events as well as implementing changes to payment options to streamline processes and make the back-end functioning of the charity more efficient. This, of course, was not without hiccoughs and together with the council I have been working hard to make these transitions as smooth as possible. I have also been communicating with many of you as membership secretary over the last year and monitoring where problems arise and how best to solve them. Through reappointment I hope to continue providing expertise in these areas as well as continuing to offer my perspective in all other aspects of BFS activities.

#### **2. Reappoint Susan Torke**

I am currently working as the secretary for the BFS, being appointed at the AGM in 2022. I have been responsible for answering your questions and requests via email, writing up the minutes from our trustees meetings via zoom, organising how PAN is sent via Royal Mail and many other organisational tasks. I have also been responsible for writing up the annual report for the Charity Commission which is our responsibility as a charity to inform the commission of all our activities, future plans, and risks the charity might face. I was a trustee for three years prior to becoming secretary, have adjudicated the BFS competition (young performers), helped organise online and live events, and have written reviews and articles for Pan. I am hoping very much to continue my role with the BFS!

### **Co-opted Trustees**

The following individuals were co-opted as council members by the council since the last AGM. In accordance with our constitution they are nominating themselves for appointment:

### **3. Apoint Imogen Morrall as council member**

While the earlier stages of my career were devoted to performance and outreach education, I have recently shifted full-time to the third sector and have worked for the last three years in fundraising and business development. My work-to-date has focussed primarily on donor stewardship, event management, grant writing and communication. I hope to continue to provide my expertise in fundraising to the BFS and help advise the council across all of the other areas of their vital work.

### **4. Apoint Julie Maisel as council member**

I have extensive background in arts management and administration as well as development and I have served on committees in the NFA and am currently the Gala Awards Celebration chair. I was also involved in the Mid-South Flute Society and served as Vice-President and Secretary and organised/hosted festivals. I have adjudicated for the NFA the BFS and the Yamaha Corp. Wind and Brass Competitions. What I would be bringing to the BFS Council would be my diverse experience and background.

### **Position of Chair**

The following individual was co-opted as interim chair by the council since the last AGM. In accordance with our constitution they are nominating themselves for appointment:

### **5. Apoint Gavin Stewart as Interim Chair**

In the short time I have been acting as interim chair of the council I have begun diversifying the offer to members with the aim of providing a robust answer to the question “why should I become a member of the BFS?”. Throughout my tenure, however long that may last, I will continue to work with the council, members, businesses, and other individuals to develop new initiatives to grow our offer to members and listen to our membership to organise events that they want to attend.