



## **BFS Council Nominations November 2021**

### **Chair**

#### **1. Lisa Nelsen to be re-elected as chair.**

In 2020-2021 Lisa led the BFS through the pandemic, building values of creativity, collaboration, and camaraderie through challenging times. Her goal of a thriving flute community has meant that the direction of the BFS has been focused towards inclusion and support. As a result, we have a more vibrant and engaged events programme for all levels of players, more international connections, and an increase in our membership.

She is keen to build on this in 2022 by redirecting the focus from online to live events by developing ideas from the council and those of the area representatives. Lisa is looking forward very much to seeing members' involvement in both live and online activities over the next few years, and to meeting many of them in person!

### **Reappointments**

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

#### **2. Reappoint Rachel Smith**

Rachel has been a member of the council for many years. She has offered her skill set in many ways, including proofreading Pan, leading the flute choir at BFS AGMs, has performed with the Guards Flute Quartet at BFS events and further afield at the European Flute Society convention in 2019. She organised one of the BFS Artists recitals in 2018, hosting the interview and Q&A session. More recently she was the voice for the current BFS video, highlighting what the society has done since 2020.

#### **3. Reappoint Nicola Rossiter**

Nicola has spent much of the past year as the BFS's interim treasurer while fulfilling her responsibilities for memberships. In that time she identified and solved several ongoing issues which arose as a result of changing software. She has now handed over the treasurer role to Sarah, though her expertise is often called upon.

#### **4. Reappoint Susan Torke**

Susan has a busy career as an orchestral player, chamber music player, West End player and teacher. She has been a council member for two years where she has adjudicated the annual competition both live and online. She is coordinating the education section drawing together the young players from junior colleges, universities and local music hubs.

## **Co-opted Trustees**

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

### **5. Appoint Matthew Henderson**

Matthew has been the BFS's legal advisor since October 2020 and a trustee since November 2020. He holds an MA Law and brings 15 years' experience running businesses in the creative sector. Since his appointment, he has supported the legal, financial and governance functions through creating policies, advising on fiduciary duties, and improving financial controls.

### **6. Appoint Gavin Stewart**

Gavin joined the BFS in January, and immediately began adding his expertise in social media and IT. His creative approach and commitment to the BFS has been evident through his contributions to the smooth running of the annual competition and his ability to deliver high quality guidance.

### **7. Appoint Sarah Heard**

Sarah started working with the council in May, initially helping Nicola who was interim treasurer. Since then, she has taken over the treasurer role and been responsible for several improvements to the BFS's finance functions.

### **8. Appoint Liz Wrighton as Vice Chair**

Liz joined the council last September, and took over the Vice Chair role in March. She coordinated the online competitions this year and has supported much of the background operation of the charity. With the support of the Area Reps, Liz is hoping to develop the BFS offer to members in their local area and help the BFS community continue to grow.