



Candidates for the 2019 Executive Committee Elections

Honorary Secretary

Nominee 1

Name

Prof Roger Awan-Scully

Institutional Affiliation

Cardiff University

Seconder

Prof Rosie Campbell (King's College London)

Personal Statement

The Political Studies Association is stronger than ever before. It needs to be: with the many current uncertainties facing both politics and higher education there has never been a greater need for an effective voice speaking up for the interests of all those who study and teach politics and international relations. Having been a PSA Trustee for the last year, I am standing for Secretary because I am eager to contribute further to the work of the association. I would be particularly keen to work on ensuring that PSA's membership becomes both larger in number and more diverse in nature. It would be an honour to follow in the distinguished footsteps of Paul Tobin as PSA Secretary, and I would seek to build on the very high standards he has set in the role.

Nominee 2

Name

Prof Fiona Mackay

Institutional Affiliation

University of Edinburgh

Seconder

Prof Sarah Childs (Birkbeck College, University of London)

Personal Statement

I am standing for election to the PSA Board of Trustees as Honorary Membership Secretary to work with the PSA to embed recent reforms. Already much has been achieved but there's still a distance to travel to achieve PSA's ambition to become dynamic, effective and inclusive - the 'must belong' learned society for all political scientists in the UK. I have a strong record of academic leadership and management, most recently serving a four-year term as Dean of a large social science school, and am keen to bring my skills and experience to the next exciting stage of the PSA's development.

I am a feminist political scientist whose work examines the ways in which inequality is reinforced through political, legal and social institutions, and the possibilities of progressive change. I am a long-standing member of the PSA and the PSA Women and Politics Specialist Group, and recently served on the PSA-BISA working group on REF 2021.

Open Trustee Positions

Nominee 1

Name

Dr Peter Allen

Institutional Affiliation

University of Bath

Secunder

Prof Rosie Campbell (King's College London)

Candidate Statement

This is a challenging but exciting time for political studies in the UK. Our discipline, and the sector as a whole, faces important questions regarding our relevance, how we are funded, and what we offer society at large. The PSA is well-placed to make a robust and positive case for political studies on all of these fronts and I am putting myself forward as I believe I am able to contribute to this effort. I have been a longstanding member of the PSA Women & Politics and EPOP Specialist Groups and have supported other Specialist Groups in various ways. I know very well the personal and professional benefits that Specialist Groups, and the PSA as a whole, can bring, and am keen that these reach as many members as possible, supporting colleagues of all career stages and circumstances and reflecting the full diversity of our subject matter and membership.

Nominee 2

Name

Dr Andrew Mycock

Institutional Affiliation

University of Huddersfield

Secunder

Dr Arianna Giovannini (De Montfort University)

Personal Statement

I would like to ask that you consider supporting my election as a trustee to PSA Executive Committee. I have been a PSA member for most of my academic career, proudly serving as co-convenor of the Britishness Specialist Group since 2009. As a scholar from a non-traditional background who came late to academia, I have always valued the support of the PSA in aiding my career. If elected as a trustee, I would work hard to develop such opportunities for all PSA members, particularly

the ongoing development of Diverse Voices initiatives. I would also seek to further enhance the impressive outreach activities undertaken by the PSA engaging with Politics and Citizenship teachers and young people. If elected as a trustee, I would also work hard to further augment the PSA's reputation for hosting high-quality public and policy engagement, networking, and knowledge exchange events across the UK. Your support is valued!

Nominee 3

Name

Dr Stuart Wilks-Heeg

Institutional Affiliation

University of Liverpool

Secunder

Prof Cristina Leston-Bandeira (University of Leeds)

Personal Statement

I have been an active member of the PSA for the past 18 years and am currently a member of the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) and Local Politics specialist groups. For the past year, I have served as a co-opted member of the PSA's Executive Committee and would relish the opportunity to continue for a full three year term as an elected Trustee. I bring 25 years' experience in higher education to the role, including three as Head of Department, together with a passionate commitment to the work of the PSA. I am particularly keen to continue in my role as the Trustee lead for the PSA's Early Career Network (ECN), which goes from strength-to-strength and has such a crucial role to play in supporting the diversification of the profession and shaping the future of the PSA as a dynamic and sustainable learned society.