

## From the President

Dear Members

### Annual General Meeting - Voting

You will have received papers relating to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. If you have an e-mail address held by the Membership Officer, you will be able to cast your votes for the incoming National Council electronically. Brief statements from Candidates have been provided and you might also wish to refer to the CVs for existing Council Members on this website. If you do not have an e-mail address, a ballot paper may be completed by mail. Please complete this form (either in the electronic or paper form) as there is a large number still outstanding, and time is running out.

You will also have received information relating to **election of Life Members** and a **proposal to cap the travel expenses of National Council members**. These two matters will be voted on at the AGM so if you cannot attend, please ensure that you appoint a proxy and that, in relation to these two matters you make your choices quite clear to your proxy holder.

*It is absolutely essential that you return the form if you are unable to be at the AGM. Completed Proxy Forms are used to determine if there is a quorum at the meeting. It would be most unfortunate if we had to adjourn the AGM and meet again at a later date – quite apart from the issue of more travel costs it would delay the appointment of new Life Members and would not allow for a decision on travel costs – which is not a really satisfactory outcome.*

Provision has been made on the proxy form for you to direct your proxy. I would again urge you all to **make your own vote** rather than leave the matter open. This ensures that your **personal** choice can be made. Information is provided to you in order that you can make an appropriate decision.

Best wishes

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