

Agenda Item 7: AGM Special Business – Triennium 2026

Ratification of New Board Trustees, Continuing Trustees & Committee Appointments

Meeting: SWI Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: 16th May 2026

Paper Title: Ratification of National President, Board Trustees & Committee Appointments

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Purpose: Approval / Ratification

Decision Required: Yes

1. Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of this paper is to present to members the following for ratification:

- Appointment of National President
- Appointment of five newly appointed Trustees
- Confirmation of continuing Trustees
- Appointment of Committee Members to Skills & Events and Finance Committees

These appointments have been made in accordance with the organisation's governing document and Board governance procedures and are now presented to members for formal ratification at the Annual General Meeting.

2. Background

In accordance with the SWI's Constitutional Triennium, Board Trustee appointments and Committee memberships are subject to ratification by members at the Annual General Meeting.

The Governance Committee met on 18 March to consider Board composition, skills requirements, and succession planning. Following this review, recommendations were approved by the Board on 25 March and are now presented to members for ratification.

3. New National President Appointment for Ratification

In accordance with the SWI Constitution, the National President is appointed through the established succession process, with the Vice President progressing to the role.

The following individual is appointed and presented for ratification:

Name	Federation	Service period
Susie Finlayson	Roxburghshire	3 years

4. New Trustee Appointments for Ratification

The following individuals are appointed to the Board and are presented for ratification:

Name	Federation	Date
Heather Coutts	West Lothian Federation	May 2026 - 29
Karen Harrison	Shetland Federation	May 2026 - 29
Ann Henderson	Dumfriesshire Federation	May 2026 - 29
Elizabeth Hay	SC&WP Federation	May 2026 - 29
Rita Storr	Ross-shire Federation	May 2026 - 29

These appointments support the Board's skills matrix and strategic priorities.

5. Continuing Trustees

The following Trustees continue in office and are presented for confirmation:

Name of Trustee	Federation	Service Period (Trustee yrs)
Julie Cribb	Aberdeenshire Federation	1 year
Clare Greig	Dunbartonshire Federation	2 years
Jane Hogg	Dumfriesshire Federation	3 years
Sybil Stuart	Moray and Nairn Federation	3 years

As per the constitution the appointment of the National Treasurer will be made by the Board of Trustees on 1 July 2026 and announced to members thereafter.

All continuing Trustees remain eligible and have confirmed their willingness to continue serving.

6. Trustees Retiring / Standing Down

The Board wishes to record its thanks to the following Trustees who are retiring:

Name	Role	Service Period (Trustee yrs)
Mary Burney	Outgoing President	6 years
May Tosh	Outgoing National Treasurer	3 years
Anne Kerr	Past President	6 years
Karen Johnson	Trustee	6 years
Linda McTurk	Trustee	3 years

The Board acknowledges their contribution and commitment.

7. Committee Appointments for Ratification

The following Skills and Events Committee appointments are presented for ratification:

Name	Federation	Role
Margaret Dick	Dunbartonshire	Convenor
Kay Smith	Perth & Kinross	Committee Member
Helen Williamson	Perth & Kinross	Committee Member
Ann McGuchan	Ayrshire	Committee Member

The following Finance Committee appointments are presented for ratification:

Name	Federation	Role
Gwen Foster	West Lothian	Committee Member
Rosalin Sivija	Selkirkshire	Committee Member
Elizabeth Farr	SC&WP	Committee Member

Due to low uptake of Finance Committee applications, we will continually recruit, if this is something that is of interest, then please get in touch email diane.cooper@theswi.org.uk. The board of Trustees will provide cover to maintain continuity.

8. Recommendation

Members are asked to:

1. Ratify the appointment of new President and Trustees
2. Confirm continuing Trustees
3. Ratify Committee appointments

9. Proposed Resolution (show of hands)

Members are asked to approve the following resolution:

"That members ratify the appointment of the Trustees listed in this paper, confirm National President, continuing Trustees, and approve the Committee appointments as presented."

Thank you to all members.