



## Notice of the Opening of Nominations for the Election of Directors of the Women's Engineering Society

Notice is hereby given today, 23 August 2024, that Nominations for the Election of vacancies for the Board of Directors are now open.

**Nominations must be received  
on or before 23:59 BST on 13 September 2024.**

### Eligibility for election for Elected Directors

All Members who have paid any and all subscriptions owed to WES **on or before the 13 September 2023** may stand for election as an Elected Director. Article 25.4.3 of the WES Articles governs the eligibility of candidates for the Elected Directors as follows:

*25.4.3 A Member shall only be eligible to nominate a candidate for election, vote in elections and stand for election if s/he has paid any and all subscriptions owing and due to the Society by the date of close of nominations.*

### Nominations for election for Elected Directors

Nominations for candidates for Elected Directors must be signed by three Members agreeing to nominate the candidate, and by the candidate indicate willingness to stand as follows:

*25.4.2 No person may be proposed to the Members for election as an Elected Director unless the Society has received a notice of nomination in writing during the Nomination Period that:*

- (a) is signed by three Members entitled to vote at the meeting;*
- (b) states the Members' intention to nominate a Member for election as an Elected Director; and*
- (c) is signed by the person who is to be nominated to show his or her willingness to be nominated.*

A nomination form for the election for Elected Directors accompanies this notice.

The same Member may nominate as many candidates for Elected Directors as there are vacancies **if** the nominator fulfils the conditions as stated above. Candidates may not nominate themselves.



## Close of Nominations and Return of Nomination Forms

Articles 25.4.2 and 25.6.2 require that all nominations be received within 21 clear days of this notice. **Nominations must therefore be received on or before 23:59 BST on 13 September 2024.** Nomination forms may be completed electronically by nominators and candidates – either by electronic signature or by printing out the form, signing it, scanning it and sending it to the candidate or to the next nominator. **Completed forms should be emailed to Anna Pluck at [anna.pluck@wes.org.uk](mailto:anna.pluck@wes.org.uk), on or before 23:59 BST on 13 September 2024.**

## Elections

If more than one candidate is nominated for any position, an election will be held by ballot of all WES Members beginning on the **5 October 2024** and closing on **19 October 2024**, seven days in advance of the AGM on the **26 October 2024**. Members will be sent a link to vote in the election, if necessary, after the close of nominations.

Article 25.4.6 governs the need for an election as follows:

*25.4.6 In the event that more candidates are nominated than there are vacancies a Ballot will be held. Members shall be invited to vote by Ballot on the first day of the Election Period and votes must be submitted to the Society within the Election Period to be valid. The results of any such Ballot shall be declared at the annual general meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes for two or more candidates the successful candidate shall be chosen by lot.*

## Definitions

Article 11 of the Articles governs the definition of the terms used in the Articles as follows:

### Article 11. INTERPRETATION

*11.1 In these Articles the words standing in the first column of the table next hereinafter contained shall bear the meanings set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof, if not inconsistent with the subject or context:*

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Ballot</b>          | <i>Ballot means a postal or electronic ballot or poll held in accordance with these Articles and any rules established under Article 44.<br/>(Article 44 refers to the Rules made by the Directors, which do not apply in this case).</i> |
| <b>Election Period</b> | <i>a period of 14 Clear Days ending seven days before a general meeting</i>   |
| <b>Clear Days</b>      | <i>in relation to the period of a notice means a period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect</i>   |

## Current Board of Directors

### Elected Directors

| Name                    | Term ends    |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Chrisma Jain            | October 2024 |
| Mamta Singhal MBE       | October 2024 |
| Sarah Haslam MBE        | October 2025 |
| Dr Tosha Nembhard       | October 2025 |
| Professor Vince Pizzoni | October 2025 |

### Co-opted Directors (eligible for re-co-option)

| Name                 | Term ends    |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Susan Robson         | October 2024 |
| Aniela Foster-Turner | October 2024 |

## Vacancies to be elected for 2024

### Retiring Directors

| Name              | Term ends    |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Chrisma Jain      | October 2024 |
| Mamta Singhal MBE | October 2024 |

### Elected Directors

|         | Term ends    |
|---------|--------------|
| Vacancy | October 2027 |

There are three vacancies for the Board of Directors for three years to October 2027. In the event of more than three nominations, there will be an election from 5 October 2024 to 19 October 2024. The top three candidates will be elected to serve until the 2027 AGM.

If fewer candidates are nominated than positions available, they will be duly elected for three-year terms and any vacancies will be co-opted by the Board at its first meeting following the AGM.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Katherine Critchley PhD MIET**

President