



Nominations to Serve on BANC Council 2008/9

BANC's Council comprises the four Officers of the Association (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer) plus up to seven more members, all elected at the AGM. In addition Council may appoint ("co-opt") up to four further Council members.

Nominee – Derek Bensley	Proposer – Fran Hitchinson
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Derek is BANC's long-serving Treasurer.

Nominee – Ruth Boogert	Proposer – Peter Jones
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To follow ...

Nominee – Graeme Duckworth	Proposer – Diana Pound
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Worked in IT in the City for 17 years until I came to my senses and studied for an MSc in Conservation at UCL in 2005-6. I'm BANC's Secretary and webmaster, having been a Council member for three years. I believe BANC has an honourable history and a worthwhile 'franchise' in conservation. I intend to help enhance BANC's products and profile, especially through the web site. I work for London Wildlife Trust. I love bird-watching and wandering about in rainforest.

Nominee – Mathew Frith	Proposer – Graeme Duckworth
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Mathew tripped into urban ecology after experimenting with various anti-musical groups during the 1980s. After working for London Ecology Unit, London Wildlife Trust and English Nature, he joined Peabody Trust in 2002 and is endeavouring to raise the profile of the natural environment within social housing. Mathew has keen interest in nature in towns and cities, and its relationship with modern society. He retains his love of the magpie.

Nominee – Christina Geijer	Proposer – Peter Jones
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As a Master student in Nature Conservation at University College London, I would be delighted to join the council. I believe that my dedication and passion for conservation issues would be of great value to the organisation, and I feel convinced that maintaining the historical link between BANC and UCL is of mutual interest and benefit.

Nominee – Rose Goodwin	Proposer – Peter Jones
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Nominee – Fran Hitchinson	Proposer – Diana Pound
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Working for the Woodland Trust I have a keen interest in woodlands and their ecology. I am also interested in the whole of conservation – how policy, practice and communication fit together. At the Trust I work with many teams including the fundraising and marketing teams. ECOS has been important in helping me form my opinions on conservation and I would like to help continue this tradition. I currently manage BANC's Membership Services.

Nominee – Adrian Koster	Proposer – Diana Pound
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I sense that BANC needs willing members to step up to the plate and in that spirit I offer to join the Council. I am a retired field and protected crop agronomist. Currently Chairman of the Humber Advisory Group to the statutory authorities of the Humber Estuary. I shortly complete 9 years as Board Director of the Rothamsted Research Association. I am a member of the Soil Association's Agriculture Standards committee, currently standing for election to the Soil Association Council, and a member of East Yorkshire's FWAG committee.

Nominee – Diana Pound	Proposer – Graeme Duckworth
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A BANC member since 1981 and a Council member for three years, I wish to stand again for Chair to continue BANC's fresh momentum and to increase its membership. With a background in environmental science and landscape ecology and a 25-year career in natural resource management, I run my own consultancy to design and facilitate stakeholder dialogues that result in better management of the natural environment. I work mainly in the UK, but also Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Nominee – Ralph Underhill

Proposer – Graeme Duckworth

Currently working as planning casework officer at the RSPB attempting to make developments less damaging to biodiversity, I know more than any normal person should about the habitats regulations. I am highly committed to conservation and the environmental agenda and enthusiastic and committed to ensuring that BANC remains relevant and continues to highlight interesting ideas.