**ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

***THE AA – The Voice of Arboriculture***

**VOTING SLIP – TRUSTEE/DIRECTOR**

VOTING OPTIONS

1. **If attending the AGM please PRINT, COMPLETE and BRING along to the AGM.**
2. **If you wish to vote by proxy please complete the section on page 3**

**To appoint two Trustees/Directors for the term AGM 2017 - AGM 2018 from the list of 4 nominees overleaf.**

**Please select your preferred candidates by marking alongside your choice with a cross,
as in the example below. You can select just one candidate if you wish, but please do not
select any more than two candidates:**

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| **#** | **BLOGGS – Joe** **Reasons for wishing to be elected as a Trustee of the AA**…………………**Relevant Experience**………………… | X |

**If attending the AGM and voting on the night of 11th September please make your selection, sign the document and it will be collected by a member of the AA team at the AGM.**

NOMINEES

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| **1** | **BRAY - Jaime****Reasons for wishing to be elected as a Trustee of the AA**Having volunteered for the association for nearly 7 years as AWG Chair, I have built up a broad view of how the association works and the arena in which it operates. I feel that my industry experience, coupled with running my own business and still climbing trees will be of benefit to assist and guide the association through its next phase of development. In doing so, keeping on the radar the interests of the climbing arborist, whilst assisting in the improvement of public awareness to the field of professional arboriculture is of paramount importance. With increased recognition as the voice of arboriculture, and as I am still commercially climbing trees, I feel that the presence of a climbing arborist at board level is beneficial for the industry, the association, and the membership as a whole. I enjoy a challenge, and assisting the association in implementing its strategy over the forth coming years will be a challenge I would like to continue to with. **Relevant Experience**Through chairing the management committee tasked with the development of the R2 initiative; Register of Tree Work Operatives, I gained relevant experience at managing the implementation of strategy. Having attended the ‘Trustee Introduction’ guidance days and also ‘Being A Chairman, Your Responsibilities’ one day events set up by the association for Trustees and Vice Chair/Chairman roles, I believe that I have a good understanding of the differences that are required between acting as a trustee in a strategic realm as opposed to engaging in the operational aspects of running the association. Having acted as a Trustee for the last three years, current Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Business Review meetings at HQ since September 2016, I believe that continuity at this pivotal moment in the development of the association is of the upmost importance. With my experience over the last seven years representing the membership and the industry within various roles, I believe that I can continue to represent the membership at board level and assist in the strategic development of the association. | **[ ]**  |
|  **2** | **HOLMES - Simon****Reasons for wishing to be elected as a Trustee of the AA**The Arboricultural Association faces constant challenges, competition and change. I bring to the Board a sincere desire to assist the Association going forward in meeting these challenges and to inspire others to do the same.**Relevant Experience**I have been the Chair of the Professional Committee and a Trustee on the Board of Directors for years and have over 30 years’ experience in the arboricultural sector, spanning Local Authority; Education and Commercial sectors. I have served the industry in many forms and for many years and I am enthusiastic, willing and available to serve the Board if re-elected. | **[ ]**  |
|  **3** | **ROLPH - Will****Reasons for wishing to be elected as a Trustee of the AA**I have been a member of the Education and Training Committee for a year now and have really enjoyed my time and role in the process of decision making and projects within the committee. However, my work is not yet complete; I am a conscientious, hardworking professional with a genuine desire to improve the industry and my role on the Education and Training Committee plays a part within this. I believe that becoming an AA Trustee will increase my strategic understanding of the association, allowing me greater influence on the direction, growth and development of the AA and will be something I can use pragmatically to help engage with and inform other Students, Colleges, Lecturers, etc. of the awareness and importance of the Association and all they provide and intend to improve for arborists and relative organisations.This role would build my skillset immensely and give me a great opportunity to develop other experiences, which as yet I have not had a chance to do. **Relevant Experience**I have had the valuable experience of starting and running my own small business, which albeit on a much smaller scale, is very similar in principle and something I would like to continue to develop and grow.My FdSc has guided me well through many aspects of arboriculture, including a 20 Credit Business and Entrepreneurism module, which too will be a good accolade for the position along with my drive and enthusiasm to help take arboriculture into the future for everyone.  | **[ ]**  |
| **4** | **SEHMI - Navin****Reasons for wishing to be elected as a Trustee of the AA**Having shaped my life around the industry over the previous 20 years, and now been placed in charge of an established AAAC which has been trading for more than 40 years, I feel a duty to provide a more contractual representation within the organisation to ensure that our representative body is effectively promoting the benefits of the AAACs to the consumer market as well as it is being promoted within the industry. My feeling is that this should be addressed at a strategic level as I have previously considered the AWG, but worry about lack of formal adoption as a committee and the implications of this. I would hope to contribute to the shaping of the industry in a wider context with primarily building stronger partnership links with other industry representative bodies such as the LTOA.**Relevant Experience**Established industry background including roles ranging from Lecturer, contractual operative, Local Authority Arboricultural Officer, to successful Company Managing Director. Strong links to the LTOA via past roles. At the coalface of the industry from a contractual perspective. An understanding of marketing principles based on the promotion of an organisation. A keen willingness to engage with third party organisations with the view to building partnerships. | **[ ]**  |

**VOTE BY PROXY**

**If you are voting prior to the AGM, you may do so electronically by nominating a proxy. This may be another named member who is attending the AGM or Simon Richmond (Senior Technical Officer).**

**When you have made your selections from the above list, please complete the section below,
signing at the end of this document (or typing in your email address), and returning it to Kay at Head Office by email to:** kay@trees.org.uk **or alternatively by post to:** Kay Chadwick,Arboricultural Association, The Malthouse, Stroud Green, Standish, Stonehouse, Glos, GL10 3DL, **ensuring the document is with us prior to Friday September 1st 2016.**

I hereby appoint the following ………………………………………………………………………………………………………. being a member of the Arboricultural Association, to act as my proxy to vote in my name at the Annual General Meeting of the charity to be held on **Monday 11th September 2017** or at any adjournment thereof.

**Signed:** ……………………………………………………..………………………………….…………………….…………………….………….……

**Full Name (in CAPITALS):** ……………………………………………………..………………………………….…………………….…………………….………….……

**Date:** ……………………………………………………..………………………………….…………………….…………………….………….……

**Membership Number:** ……………………………………

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 **1 August 2017**