

CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

UK Athletics Limited

Election of Club Representative to the UK Members Council

Please read carefully before casting your vote.

Grace Hall

Retired accounts manager, married, two children and three grandchildren.

Currently Chairman of the Youth Development League, where I always try to ensure that I am accessible to member clubs both at management level and the grassroots in the UK.

When our youngest daughter joined Spenborough as a 10 year old, her father and I also became involved, he coaching and officiating, whilst I went down the administration route. I was team manager for juniors in YAL and NJAL, and seniors in the Northern League. I joined the committee, ultimately becoming its vice chairman, and was involved with various aspects of club management.

In over twenty years involvement, I have been:

- Secretary, West Yorkshire T&F League.
- Treasurer, Yorkshire & Humberside Athletics Coaching committee.
- Divisional Secretary, Northern T&F League.
- Finance Officer, Northern T&FL.
- Regional representative for NJAL, then Treasurer until the league was wound up.

Involved in the setting up of the YDL, initially as Vice Chairman, with additional responsibility for assisting clubs to use the computerised results package. This role necessitates my being available throughout the track & field season ensuring that clubs can produce results from their matches. As well as manning a helpline on match day, I am available pre and post-match to answer questions, which are not always about the results but general concerns from club members.

If I am elected to UK Members Council, I will do my utmost to listen to, and take forward, club concerns from across the UK.

David Paver

I will be "best known" as one of the main opponents of Age Group changes, having been involved in opposing all attempts by the NGB since 1993 to change to a 31 December qualification date. This has given me a lot of contact with clubs, and with Governing Bodies over the years.

I am also interested and involved in (nearly) all aspects of Athletics organisation. I have been a competitor in Track & Field, Road and Cross Country, am a busy Official and sometimes Event Organiser, County Sportshall Athletics Organiser, County AA and County Schools Secretary, EA Regional Council member, member of English Schools Committee, member of England Eligibility Committee.

Having done many jobs myself, and met many fellow volunteers at events and through email contact, I am keen to support the interests of those who do the Voluntary work. I know that those who work in clubs, whether in Coaching, Admin, Officiating, Team Managing, have a lot of demands on them. And that clubs need people in all these roles.

My position with the England Eligibility Committee has given me some knowledge of the issues relating to Registration and Club Membership.

I accept that my experience is in England, and if elected I will be keen to hear from, or meet at events, people from the other Home Countries.

Anthony Shiret

I have been the Chair of the England Athletics National Council for nearly three years. I am standing for the UK Members Council because it has the power to make the governing body UKA act more in the interests of the athletes and clubs. If elected I will ensure that UKMC does its job properly in your interests.

Since first joining a club, Southend AC, as an 11 year-old I have done most things in athletics. I had a moderate career as an often injured 400m hurdler, became team manager (three times!) of my current club, Newham & Essex Beagles, got married, had children, who now compete in the Shaftesbury young athletes teams, do some coaching and have become an official (starter/marksman). I also have a full-time job as a financial analyst in the City of London.

I have been involved in the Regional and National Councils for 10 years. I am co-Chair of London and Chair of the National Council. In my time in charge the National Council has become effective in opening up the debate in areas like coaching and officials' strategy to ensure that we improve our record in increasing capacity for future generations in both areas. The Council gets things done.

My strengths are strategic overview, close knowledge of how the system works, everyday exposure to the demands of club athletics and leadership. Most importantly I will be 100% on your side in trying to make life better for the clubs and athletes.