

Convening notice

Annual General Meeting 2024



Notice is hereby given that Woodcraft Folk's Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Meeting will take place from **2pm on Saturday 15th June 2024.**

Representation and Voting rights

- **Each registered Group** is entitled to be represented by one voting delegate.
- **Each registered District** is entitled to be represented by one voting delegate.
- **Each District Fellows region** is entitled to be represented by one voting delegate.

Registered groups and District Associations are those that have paid their 2024 registration fee by the date of the circulation of the final agenda/24th May 2024

Delegates must be fully paid up members by the same deadline. General Council and Standing Orders Committee elections will take place online in advance of the meeting.

Motions and amendments to motions may be submitted by: General Council, District Associations, Groups, District Fellows Althing and Committee, Regional and National Gatherings.

Dates and Deadlines

The following timetable has been agreed by General Council:

- Motions received in writing by 12 noon Friday 22nd March 2024
- Preliminary Agenda issued by Friday 12th April 2024
- Amendments to motions in writing by 12 noon Friday 17th May 2024
- Nominations deadline by 12 noon Friday 17th May 2024
- Final agenda Friday 24th May 2024
- Election voting, proxy and delegate forms to be completed by 12 noon Monday 10th June 2024

Motions

Motions and amendments must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary or by email to motions@woodcraft.org.uk. All motions should commence "This Annual General Meeting..." and should include action to be taken.

Motions may also be accompanied by a brief rationale which will be published in the final agenda.

2024 is not a Rules Revision year, as such it is not possible to consider motions which aim to change our governing documents unless the meeting agrees to suspend Standing Orders, but this should only be done in an emergency situation.

If you need help submitting or composing a motion, please contact the Standing Orders Committee (soc@woodcraft.org.uk) who are very happy to help with any question you may have.

Elections

Nominations for General Council or Standing Orders Committee must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary or by email to nominations@woodcraft.org.uk.

Nominations are invited for:

In 2022, the movement agreed to support a gender quota, to ensure the voices of non-cis males were represented on Woodcraft Folk's Board.

Five lay members of General Council of any age to serve for a period of **two years**. At least three must identify as non-cis male.

Two lay members of General Council aged between 16 and 24 inclusive to serve for a period of **two years**. At least one must identify as non-cis male.

Three members of Standing Orders Committee to serve for a period of **two years**.

Nominations may be submitted by District Associations, Groups, and by District Fellows Althing and Committee.

Retiring members of General Council:

- Aggie Taylor
- Eedie Baker-Thompson
- Nadia Asri
- Tom Brooks (lay member)

Retiring members of Standing Orders Committee

- David Neibig
- Richard Kirkwood

Voting processes

Elections for General Council and Standing Orders Committee will be by Single Transferable Vote (STV) as defined by the Electoral Reform Society. Information about this system will be issued in the final agenda with candidate statements. There will also be opportunities to ask members of the Standing Orders Committee for further details.

Voting will take place online from 24th May and 10th June 2024. The results will be announced on Thursday 10th August.