Annual General Meeting 2018 – closed session

Agenda item 7 – Re-election of BVA honorary associate members and election of new honorary associate members

The BVA Articles of Association state that “Such eminent professional and scientific persons and others who, in the opinion of the Council, will confer honour on or advance the interests of the Association ...” can be elected as Honorary Associates. This category of membership is subject to annual reappointment, following a review by the Nominations and Awards Group.

BVA Nominations and Awards Group recommend the re-election of the following BVA honorary associate members:
Westminster MPs
Sir David Amess MP
Rt Hon Nick Brown MP
Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP
Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP
Mr Chris Davies MP
Mr Tim Farron MP
Mr Jim Fitzpatrick MP
Mr James Gray MP
Mr Simon Hart MP
Rt Hon David Lidington MP
Rt Hon Caroline Nokes MP
Mr Ian Paisley MP
Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP
Mr Laurence Robertson MP
Mr Andrew Rosindell MP
Ms Antoinette Sandbach MP
Ms Liz Saville Roberts MP
Rt Hon John Whittingdale OBE MP

Westminster Peers
Rt Hon Lord Clark of Windermere DL
Lord de Mauley TD
Lord Grantham
Baroness Mallalieu QC
The Countess of Mar
Baroness Masham of Ilton DL
His Grace the Duke of Montrose
Baroness Parminter
Lord Taylor of Goss Moor
Rt Hon Viscount Thurso
Rt Hon Lord Wigley

Scottish Parliament
Mr Richard Lochhead MSP
Mr Liam McArthur MSP
Mr Mike Rumbles MSP
Mr Mark Ruskell MSP
Mr Tavish Scott MSP
Ms Maureen Watt MSP

Welsh Assembly
Ms Angela Burns AM
Mr Andrew R T Davies AM
Mr Vaughan Gething AM
Mr Huw Irranca-Davies AM
Mr Mark Isherwood AM

Northern Ireland Assembly
Mr William Irwin MLA
Mrs Naomi Long MLA
Mr Patsy McGlone MLA

European Parliament
Ms Jill Evans MEP
Mr Jim Nicholson MEP
Mr Alyn Smith MEP

Non-Parliamentarians
Mrs Avril Doyle
Mr Rob Flello
Mr Mike Flynn MBE
Mr Andrew George
Mr David Heath CBE
Ms Marisa Heath
Dr Julian Huppert
Mr George Lyon
Mr John McCallister
Dr Elaine Murray
Mr Tony Pexton
Mr Dennis Robertson
Sir Bob Russell
Mr Struan Stevenson
Brigadier Roly Walker DSO
Mr Richard Wright

A full list of current Honorary Associates is at: http://www.bva.co.uk/About-BVA/Association/Honorary-members
BVA Nominations and Awards Group recommend the election of the following new honorary associates:

Westminster - MPs

Dr David Drew MP (Labour, Stroud)
- MP 1997-2010; won back former seat in June 2017. Shadow Minister for Farming and Rural Communities 2017-. PhD rural policy 2017. Owns four cats. He’s an office holder of the newly launched All Party Cats Group. BVA met with David in Nov 2017 and we have another meeting planned for Sept 2018. He attended BVA London dinner and BVA photo exhibition in House of Commons in Jan 2018. His nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers.

Ben Lake MP (Plaid Cymru, Ceredigion)
- MP since June 2017. Plaid Cymru Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Education and Skills, Health, Communities and Local Government, Constitutional Affairs and Culture, Media and Sport. Political interests include rural economy. Delighted to hear about vet hub at Aberystwyth (which is part of his constituency). He led a Westminster Hall debate on the effect of Brexit on the veterinary profession in Wales in April 2018. Attended BVA/RCVS Brexit Briefing June 2017 and the BVA Afternoon Tea Briefing Oct 2017. His nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers and Welsh Branch.

Westminster - Peers

Baroness McIntosh (Con; Life Peer 2015)
Associate in 2011 but was unable to accept due to her position as then Chair EFRACom. Her nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers.

Lord Teverson (LibDem; Life Peer 2006)
- Chair, EU Energy and Environment Sub-committee 2016-. Attended the BVA Afternoon Tea briefing in Oct 2017 and BVA photo exhibition in the House of Commons Jan 2018. His nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers.

Scottish Parliament
Maurice Golden MSP (Con, West Scotland)
- Scottish Conservatives Chief Whip 2017-. Deputy Convener, Parliamentary Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform 2016-. Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform 2016-. BVA worked with Maurice on a PQ on illegal puppy imports in 2016. Attended Scottish Dinner 2016, 2017 & 2018. Good engagement with BVA/Scottish Branch at dinners. His nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers and Scottish Branch.

Emma Harper MSP (SNP, South Scotland)
- MSP since 2016. Parliamentary Liaison Officer to Fergus Ewing as Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy & Connectivity 2016-. Member, Cross Party Animal Welfare Group 2016-; Crofting Group 2017-. Political interests include rural affairs, animal welfare and agriculture. Profession: nurse. Emma has not attended any BVA events at the Scottish Parliament although we did have contact with her in Sept 2017 following her PQ on veterinary workforce issues in Scotland post-Brexit. Robert Anderson and Emma have corresponded over tail docking (June 2017). She is very
visibly proactive in many areas of relevance. Her nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers and Scottish Branch.

Edward Mountain MSP (Con, Highlands and Islands)
- MSP since 2016. Convener, Parliamentary Committee on Rural Economy and Connectivity 2016-; Shadow Minister for Rural Affairs 2017-. Member, Cross Party Crofting Group 2016-; Rural Policy Group 2016-. Political interests include agriculture and rural businesses. Farmer. Good engagement and discussion re livestock diseases with BVA JVP at Scottish dinner May 2017. He had to offer a late apology to this year’s Scottish dinner in order to go to A&E with a septic thumb but afterwards wrote a very supportive letter to John Fishwick. He also attended the Scottish Brexit briefing in Oct 2017. His nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers and Scottish Branch.

Welsh Assembly
Rhun ap Iorwerth AM (Plaid Cymru, Ynys Môn)

Dr Dai Lloyd AM (Plaid Cymru, South West Wales)
- Elected AM May 2016. Chair, Plaid Cymru Assembly Group 2016-. Chair, Assembly Committee on Health, Social Care and Sport 2016-. Member Assembly Committees on Constitutional and Legislative Affairs 2016-; Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs 2017-. Political interests include health. Positive response to BVA Welsh manifesto; and to Welsh Brexit briefing. Profession: General practitioner. Son of a
farmer. Attended BVA Welsh Dinner 2016 & 2017; Welsh Brexit briefing 2018. Has offered to meet BVA/Welsh Branch to discuss our issues. His nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers and Welsh Branch.

Non-Parliamentarians (Scotland)

Jim Hume

- Convenor of the National Rural Mental Health Forum and former MSP, Jim Hume has spearheaded the Forum to create a space where rural communities and key stakeholders across human and animal health and welfare can share best practice in early intervention and improving outreach for those suffering from mental health issues in remote, rural areas. The Forum aims to:
  1. enable rural people to be open about their mental health;
  2. have a solid evidence base for what works to improve people's lives;
  3. create a programme to influence policy-makers to channel resources in ways that bring positive change through a network of rural organisations across Scotland.

Jim approached BVA Scottish Branch as a key stakeholder in Scotland's rural community and has allowed BVA to feed in with RCVS about the Mind Matters Initiative (MMI) to facilitate knowledge exchange within the Forum. His nomination for honorary associateship is supported by the BVA Officers and Scottish Branch.