

The EBU Board proposes to make the Selection Committee a sub-committee of the Board. As such, future England selectors would be appointed by the Board, not elected by the Shareholders as at present.

We believe these proposals to be misguided, and that the Selection Committee should continue to be elected by the Shareholders. Our reasons are:

- (i) If it ain't broke, don't fix it. England teams have been doing very well of late, under the current, well-established system.
- (ii) In general, Board members have no special knowledge of international bridge. There is no reason to think that the Board will make better judgements in this matter than the Shareholders do.
- (iii) Election by the Shareholders is more democratic. Appointment exclusively by the Board would concentrate power within a small circle of Board members.
- (iv) It is hard to imagine what kind of person might be appointed by the Board, but would be unable to win election by the Shareholders. Nor is there any reason to believe that such a person would be suitable for the role.
- (v) Serving on the Selection Committee is a potentially unpopular business, and is sometimes subject to accusations of partiality. For the sake of propriety, Selection Committee members should serve on the basis of a direct mandate from the Shareholders.

We ask you to carefully consider the points we have raised before voting at the AGM.

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(All seven elected EBU Selectors. Andy Bowles is standing down from the Committee this year.)