



AGENDA ITEM 11

ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE LAWS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

The current elected members of the Committee are as follows:

	Term ends
Sarah Bell	2021
David Burn	2020
Heather Dhondy	2020
Frances Hinden	2019
Martin Pool	2019
Tim Rees	2019
Alan Wilson	2021

The election this year will therefore be for three positions, as currently held by Ms Hinden, Mr Pool and Mr Rees.

Three nominations have been received for the three vacancies. The nominees are as follows and application forms for each are attached in alphabetical order:

Frances Hinden

Martin Pool

Tim Rees

Therefore, no election is required and Ms Hinden, Mr Pool and Mr Rees will be re-elected for a three-year term of office expiring in 2022.

Gordon Rainsford
Company Secretary
November 2019



APPLICATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO THE LAWS and ETHICS COMMITTEE (L&EC) OF THE ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION LTD

Please complete the following:

1 Full Name

Frances Hinden

2 Please indicate any aspects of professional experience or public service which help to qualify you for membership of the L&EC. Include here professional qualifications, experience and anything else that you consider relevant to being a member of the Committee.

I have a senior executive role at a major corporate with global team of 100. This gives me practice with managing a very wide range of stakeholders and people of all ages, backgrounds, nationalities and experiences.

I also have a lot of experience writing board papers, presenting at industry events and explaining complex regulatory and investment matters to non-experts which is good practice for trying to explain the Laws of Bridge to players.

As my background is as a mathematician and my current role is in corporate treasury I have a good understanding of statistics and probability, which is important when assessing accusations of potentially unethical behaviour.

I am a Director of multiple companies and sit on two Bank of England committees, giving me experience of corporate governance.

3 Past and present activity as a bridge player or Tournament director (at any level)

Director: Qualified EBU County TD and EBU referee. I frequently chair appeals committees or act as referee and I am active on online forums discussing & advising on rulings. I am often consulted on rulings.

I write regularly for English Bridge as well as taking part in email and social media bridge conversations including the EBU TD Forum. I am also part of the Tournament Panel.

Player: I have won the Gold Cup, the English Premier League and the Camrose team; I played for the English Open Team in 2016 and the English Mixed Team in 2019. I still play occasionally at local clubs as well as in club and county events and my father is active in his club so I have a good idea of the concerns of players of all standards. In the past few years I have played in tournaments in the USA, South Africa, Norway, Sweden, Australia, France and Japan giving me a worthwhile perspective on how other countries run bridge events.

4 If you were on the L&EC during the previous year, what did you achieve?

I write many documents for the L&E. I am the editor of the Blue Book and actively seek out, and act on, comments on possible inconsistencies or lack of clarity. I also contribute to the White Book and advise on club and county regulations when asked.

I am one of two members of the L&E who screen every appeal & 'report of hand' form filed from EBU events to agree on which should be discussed at committee.

I regularly respond to email and internet queries on laws, regulation, rulings and appeals (as well as on bridge!)

As Vice Chairman of the L&E, I consider all relevant letters and submissions to the EBU or the Committee in consultation with the Chairman and the secretary, and contribute to the drafting of replies.

I have previously written articles for the EBU website, 'Appeals focus' & the EBU magazine on laws & ethics (in addition to articles I have written as an player).

I never claim any expenses for attending L&E meetings.

5 What would you personally hope to achieve during your tenure on the L&EC?

I will continue to work towards

- Simplification & standardisation of regulations (sadly I have no control over the Laws)
- Improving the consistency of rulings & appeals by providing more detailed guidance on difficult areas
- Encouraging TDs to not to penalise players for not understanding or being confused by explanations they are given

6	Please confirm the following by putting Y or N in the appropriate box	Y/N
	<input type="radio"/> I have read the L&EC Member Role Description	Y
	<input type="radio"/> I have read and understood the duties listed in the Role Description and agree to adhere to the requirements listed within the document	Y
	<input type="radio"/> I understand the time commitment required therein and I confirm I am able to meet it	Y
	<input type="radio"/> I have read and understood the statement on good standing and agree to abide by it	Y
	<input type="radio"/> I understand I may be asked by the Chairman to undertake, or help with, one or more of the activities detailed in the member role description	Y
	<input type="radio"/> I have read and understood the policy on Being an EBU Committee Member	Y

Declaration

I know of no impediment to my being a member of the EBU's Laws & Ethics Committee and I declare that the information I have given in this application is accurate and true.

Signature	(signed) Frances Hinden	Date	14/10/2019
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Please complete the following:

1 Full Name

Douglas Martin Pool

2 Please indicate any aspects of professional experience or public service which help to qualify you for membership of the L&EC. Include here professional qualifications, experience and anything else that you consider relevant to being a member of the Committee.

Experience as EBU Board member. Retired 2010.

Previous Chairman L&E, current member.

Previous EBU consultant on Association & Club Constitutions

Previous Chairman Tournament Directors Development Committee

Chairman Sussex CCBA

President Sussex CCBA

3 Past and present activity as a bridge player or Tournament director (at any level)

Play in the EBU KOs. Reached final of Silver Plate & semi final of NICKO 2010.

A number of local successes in Sussex.

4 If you were on the L&EC during the previous year, what did you achieve?

I am a long serving member of the L&E & bring experience of procedure & disciplinary proceedings to the committee.

5 What would you personally hope to achieve during your tenure on the L&EC?

Continue with normal work with an emphasis on continued simplification of all aspects of regulation.

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Signature	D M POOL	Date	16/10/2019
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Please complete the following:

1 Full Name

Tim Rees

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Member of the L&EC for the last 9 years, and Chairman of the Committee from 2014 to 2018.

Appeals Chairman/Advisor for the last 21 years.

3 Past and present activity as a bridge player or Tournament director (at any level)

I have played regularly for Wales since 1998, in European Championships, Olympiads and Camrose, winning gold at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

I have won the Gold Cup (twice), Crockfords, Spring 4s and many others.

4 If you were on the L&EC during the previous year, what did you achieve?

As Chairman, my main achievement was to reduce the number of appeals, while still making the appeals process available to all (unlike in European events).

I reviewed all of the appeal/hand record forms from National events to identify anomalies/poor procedure.

I attended all of the meetings.

5 What would you personally hope to achieve during your tenure on the L&EC?

Continue the push towards better behaviour at the table.

Consistency of rulings across all events.

Reassess the alerting and announcing rules to see whether any changes would be beneficial.

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Signature

Fim Rees.

Date

29/10/2019