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**ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AIRWAYS PENSIONERS**

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## **Update from the Acting Chairman**

### **Supreme Court Appeal**

I am writing this note in early September to go out with the Notice of the ABAP AGM. As was reported in Newsbrief 112, the Trustee had until close of play on 16 August to submit a Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court. The APS Trustee had also announced that it would be deciding at a meeting in the first two weeks of September whether or not to appeal to the Supreme Court and indicated that it was the intention to get the decision whether or not to appeal approved by the High Court. This is a bizarre way to proceed and indicates that there is severe disagreement in the APS Board.

The APS Trustee did serve the Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court just before the deadline and it is anticipated that there will need to be an APS Representative Beneficiary appointed for this further litigation. In anticipation of the litigation, Mark Fielder, who had taken over as chair of ABAP in March subject to confirmation at the AGM, has been in discussion with Hogan Lovells, his lawyers for the 2014 Beddoe hearing. For reasons that we don't fully understand, Mark has been told by Hogan Lovells that he must not discuss the litigation with ABAP or any of the APS members and pensioners whom he represents. He has therefore stood down as Chairman of ABAP and I have been, albeit unwillingly, re-instated as Acting ABAP Chairman for the duration of the litigation.

We should know more about the behaviour of the APS Trustee with regard to the Supreme Court Appeal by the time of our ABAP AGM. However, ABAP, independently of Mark Fielder, stands ready to intervene in the litigation if necessary and has taken appropriate advice.

Sufficient requisitions for a Rule 25 APS Members' Meeting and a separate Rule 25 Postal Ballot have been submitted to the APS Trustee. They are required to give 35 days' notice of both events.

### **ABAP Accounts**

The 2017-18 ABAP accounts will be attached to the next Newsbrief in early October.

Mike Post  
Acting Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of ABAP will be held at The Magna Carta Arts Centre, Magna Carta School, Thorpe Road, Egham, Surrey, TW18 3HJ on Thursday 25th October 2018 at 11.00am for the following purposes:

**ONLY CARD CARRYING MEMBERS ADMITTED (see note 2 below).**

## ORDINARY BUSINESS

Resolution 1. To receive the report of the Treasurer and approve the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2018

Resolution 2. Membership system proposal

Resolution 3. To approve subscription levels for the coming year 2019-2020

Resolution 4. To elect the Members of the Committee for the coming year and consider the co-option of other members

Report. Occupational Pensioners Alliance (OPA) activities

Report. Chairman's Report

Discussion. Any other business & questions from the floor

## Important Information

**Please note the start time - 11.00am.**

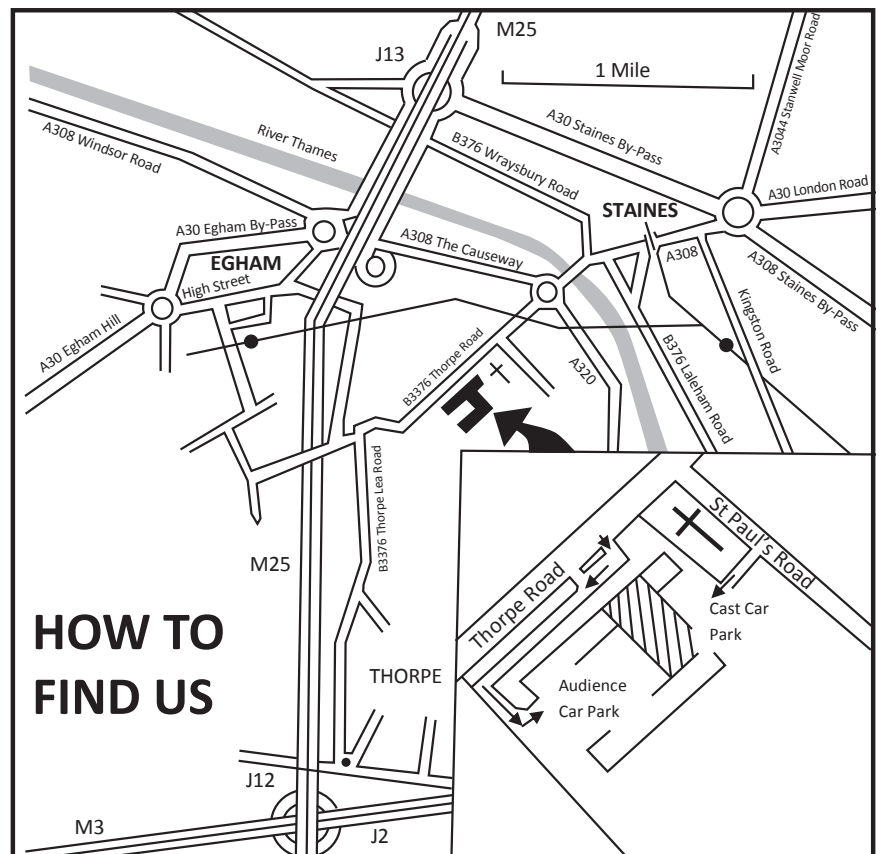
Notes:

1. Voting will be by show of membership cards. Please bring them with you.
2. **Only members are invited to attend but non-members will be able to join before the meeting and then attend.**

3. If unable to attend the AGM, you may vote by proxy on the enclosed form.

Please return it completed and signed, to ABAP Proxy, c/o BALPA House, 5 Heathrow Boulevard, 278 Bath Road, West Drayton, UB7 0DQ by Friday 12th October 2018, or by email as per the form.

4. Parking facilities are shown on the map.
5. Refreshments will be available for purchase before and after the meeting.
6. Arriving by Public Transport. Bus routes 8 & 441 run past the school. If arriving by train, Bus routes 305, 71 and 446 can be picked up from outside the station, and all stop outside the school.



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## FORM OF PROXY

If you wish to vote at the Annual General Meeting of ABAP but are unable to attend, you may appoint a proxy to act on your behalf by completing this form.

I HEREBY APPOINT the Chairman of the Meeting as my proxy to attend and on a poll, vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting at the The Magna Carta Arts Centre, Magna Carta School, Thorpe Road, Egham, Surrey, TW18 3HJ on Thursday 25th October 2018 and at any adjournment thereof.

Please indicate how you wish your proxy to vote by ticking the appropriate box opposite each resolution below. If you do not give specific indication as to voting, the proxy may vote or abstain at his discretion, as he may on any other resolution that may be proposed at the meeting.

		<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Resolution 1</b>	To receive the report of the Treasurer and approve the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2018 (to follow)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Resolution 2</b>	New Membership system proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Resolution 3</b>	To approve subscription levels for the coming year 2019-2020	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Resolution 4</b>	To elect the Members of the Committee for the coming year and consider the co-option of other members.		
	David Gunner (Membership Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Graham Tomlin (Treasurer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Joe Lowes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mark Fielder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mike Post (Chairman)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Joel Kosminsky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ray Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bob Acott	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jack Shill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any other feedback or comments to make, either about ABAP or about pensions issues? Please put them here. We may not cover them at the AGM, but they will be fed back to the Committee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Staff No \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To be valid, this form must be signed and returned to ABAP Proxy, c/o BALPA House, 5 Heathrow Boulevard, 278 Bath Road, West Drayton, UB7 0DQ by Friday 12th October 2018.

**Members may use email to return a scanned, signed Proxy Form to the Secretary:- [abapagmproxy@gmail.com](mailto:abapagmproxy@gmail.com)**

## 2018 ABAP Committee Career Profiles

- 1. David Gunner.** Joined BEA in 1960 after working for five years with the Middlesex County Council. Five years as clerk then supervisor in Export Cargo. Aircraft Dispatcher from 1965 until 1979, then Duty Officer, Terminal Controller, Ramp Superintendent and finally Manager Ramp Services. Local Trade Union activist since joining company, Staff Rep, Local Panel Rep and Trade Union Branch Secretary. Retired 1994 then set up in business as Courier. NAPS pensioner trustee 2003 until 2006.  
ABAP member since inception and participant in ABAP activities since 2003.
- 2. Graham Tomlin.** Qualifications: Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering.  
Work Experience: Avionic experience with Westland Helicopters design of avionic systems on the Lynx helicopter. Avionic development engineer at British Airways with primary responsibility for Ground Proximity Warning Systems. BA representative at the AMC Avionics Conference. Tools and Equipment Manager.  
Other Experience: Trades Union Representative 30 years. Local Councillor 16 years. Leader of the Labour Group 3 years. Pension Trustee 16 years. School Governor 30+ years.
- 3. Joe Lowes.** Joined BEA 1964, Engineering Inspector engine overhaul. 1970 joined BOAC as Production Engineer and Senior Supplies Office. 1980 - 1995 various Operational Management posts at Heathrow terminals. 1995 Manager T5 Development, planning and development of T5 on behalf of BA. Retired in 1999.  
Interests: To participate in all ABAP activities on behalf of both APS and NAPS members.
- 4. Mark Fielder.** 39 year career at BA in a variety of roles from 1976 to 2015, mostly IT related. Since April 2014, I have been active in the BA vs Trustees legal action as Representative Beneficiary.  
Main interest: I believe that both APS & NAPS are very good schemes which must be staunchly defended.
- 5. Mike Post.** Joined BOAC as a pilot in 1970. Flew VC 10s and B747s. At the point of retirement in 1999 became involved in the successful campaign to protect the assets of APS. Organised the members' meetings which overwhelmingly rejected the merger of APS and NAPS. Elected APS Trustee in 2000. Resigned from the APS Trustee Board in March 2011 to lead the current campaign to restore RPI increases to APS pensions.
- 6. Joel Kosminsky.** Joined BOAC 1969 as a General Apprentice, and worked in various roles in Reservations and Marketing until 1982, when I left BA. Gained a BSc at Middlesex Poly', then joined London Transport, and latterly South West Trains before retirement in 2011.  
Interest. I was a TSSA union rep and served on its Executive Committee for six years; I also was a lay Trustee for the Transport Benevolent Fund 2004-11. In retirement I have continued my union associations as vice-Chair of TSSA's Retired Members' Group and I represent my union at the National Pensioners' Convention as well as being on the TfL Pensioners' Consultative Council.
- 7. Ray Smith.** Joined RAF 1957. BEA Radio/Radar Technician 1971. Shop Steward EETPU 1980. After merger with BOAC as BA, in TBA on aircraft maintenance, later TBD when workshop moved to Wales. Retired from BA 2004 & joined ABAP.  
Served on ABAP Committee 2007. Elected 2008. ABAP liaison with Occupational Pensioners' Alliance.  
Interest: Overall security of our BA pensions.
- 8. Bob Acott.** I joined the RAF in 1957 and started as an Electrical apprentice, qualified as an electrician and electrical instructor. In 1967 I converted to Flt/eng on the C130. In 1973 started as a Flt/Eng on the Court Line Tristars operating out of Luton. Also in 1973 I joined BOAC and stayed until I retired in 1996 and operated on the VC10, Tristar and 747. I represented F/Es as a Rep for the MNAOA, NUMAST and BALPA.  
Interests: Lots, but for ABAP it is trying to help stop the pensions rot.
- 9. Jack Shill** Joined BEA 1946 (just after Pontius retired). Many Positions. BA Cargo and Flight Dispatch. Founder member of ABAP 1990.  
Interests: ABAP finances & Membership.