



# Oxford University German Society

## Election Guide 2022

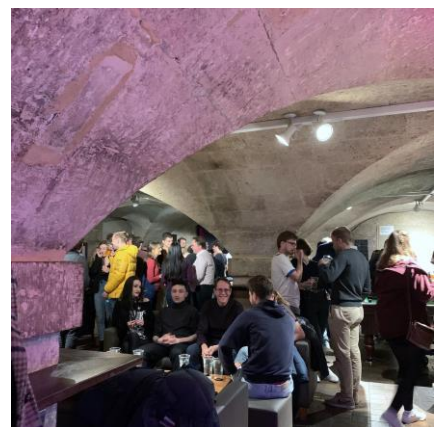
YOUR COMMITTEE – YOUR CHOICE

# Introduction



If you have enjoyed our socials and speakers events, you may be keen to get involved in running our society. We know that running for elections can be intimidating, especially if you don't know what to expect. That's why we have compiled this guide to take you through what you need to do and when.

Elections take place at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday of Week 7, 5 March 2022**.



# Running for a position



## WHICH POSITIONS ARE ELECTED?

### Executive Committee:

- Co-Presidents (President, Secretary)
- Treasurer

### General Committee:

- Co-Speakers (x2)
- Co-Events (x2)
- Co-Marketing (x2)
- Co-Graduate (x2)
- Sponsorship
- Language
- Outreach
- Alumni

The positions of Co-Presidents can but do not need to be held by two persons, one being officially Secretary. The position of Treasurer includes the position of Membership Officer.



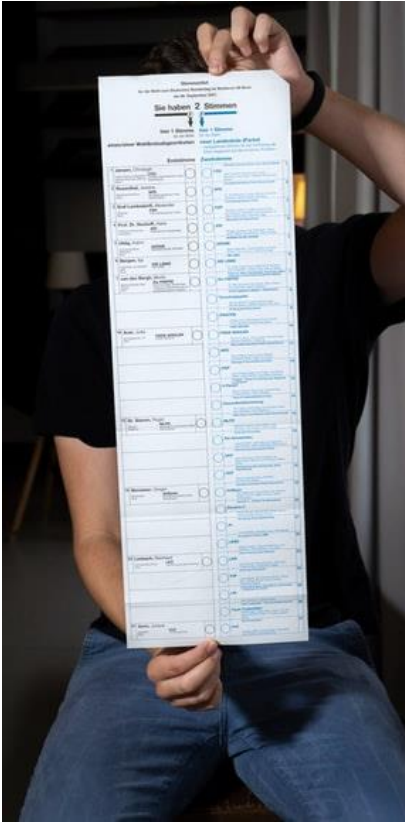
## HOW DO NOMINATIONS WORK?

All nominations for the three executive positions (President, Secretary, Treasurer) must be sent via email to [secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk) by noon of Saturday one week before the Annual General Meeting (26 February 2022). The nominations for the three executive positions need to be seconded by another member. The nominations for all further positions can be sent in via email or made in person even at the AGM. These nominations do not need to be seconded.

All who are interested in running can but do not need to send a manifesto (in English) to [secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk). The manifesto has a maximum word count of 150. The deadline for sending in manifestos is noon of Saturday one week before the Annual General Meeting (26 February 2022) for all positions. The manifestos will be distributed via our newsletter.

On the day of the AGM, you will have the opportunity to give a speech. The maximum time for speeches is two minutes for all positions except Co-Presidents, who will have three minutes. After the speeches, the floor is open to attendees of the AGM to ask questions.

# Voting at the AGM



## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE AGM?

The provisional agenda of the meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome by the current Co-Presidents
2. Reports from current committee members
3. Committee elections (candidate speeches, followed by an opportunity for questions and then an election via a secret ballot - after a short break, the results will be announced)
4. Miscellaneous

The meeting will be held in English. The full regulations regarding the election can be found in the [Society's Constitution and in the Annex to our Constitution](#).

All candidates must be elected individually. There are no joint tickets/slates. If you have any questions, please contact us at [secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk).

## HOW CAN I VOTE?

You can vote either in person by attending the meeting with your membership card, or in absentia by proxy. Please note that you need to become a member of the society at least a week before the meeting (26 February 2022) in order to have voting rights at this meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can choose one member who will be present at the meeting to exercise your voting rights. Please note that every present member can vote for no more than one person who is not present.

To nominate a proxy who can vote for you at the meeting, address an email to [secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk) and the proxy at least 24 hours before the meeting. The proxy must bring a signed letter and the membership card of the person they proxy for to the AGM.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk).