

CBA Trustee Nominations 2021/22

Re-election as a CBA Trustee:

Mrs Fiona Gale

Election Statement

Currently retired I have worked within Welsh Archaeology since the late 1980s, initially for the Clwyd Archaeology Service and then as County Archaeologist within Denbighshire. During that time I was involved in developing a number of major projects including the Heather and Hillforts Landscape Partnership Scheme and undertook conservation works at Castell Dinas Bran and the Clive Engine House. I became involved in archaeology at a national level through involvement as a CBA Wales Committee member, and for a time I was Chair of the UK wide Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers. I also ran a branch of the Young Archaeologists Club. Since retirement I have maintained my involvement and am a Trustee of two of the Welsh Archaeological Trusts, The Cambrian Archaeological Association. I was awarded an MBE for services to Welsh Heritage in the 2019 New Year's Honours list.

Election as a new CBA Trustee:

Dr Kirsty McCarrison

Election statement

As Project Manager for Shout Out Loud, English Heritage's national youth engagement programme, I have worked closely with the CBA as we've collaboratively explored and developed our approaches to inclusive youth engagement and youth voice. This work involves heritage engagement initiatives with new audiences, building on my previous work at Durham University and The North of England Civic Trust, in addition to organisational policy and best practice development. As a bioarchaeologist turned learning and engagement professional, I've been proud to personally and professionally support the work of the Young Archaeologists Club and Festival of Archaeology. Archaeology is exciting, dynamic and of relevance for all; there's no better way to anticipate our future, nor recognise our power as individuals and communities, than by understanding our shared past. I would be honoured to become a Trustee, supporting the sector and helping to further develop an inclusive and people-centred approach to public engagement with archaeology.

Phil Pollard

Election statement

For over 10 years I have worked in the heritage sector with an emphasis on skills. I am currently a Committee Member of the ClfA Early Careers Group; Vice Chair of the ClfA/University Archaeology UK Degree Accreditation Committee, and my day job is focused on developing career pathways within the sector. I believe the CBA has a leadership role to play in this area; particularly around making archaeology more inclusive and participatory, and I would like to contribute to this. I have experience working in the charitable sector; with expertise in strategic planning, implementation and monitoring from my time as a Snr Business Improvement Officer for a multi-million pound social enterprise. I would like to bring this knowledge and experience to the Board of Trustees at the CBA alongside my experience and qualifications in learning and development; which I feel can contribute to the development of the organisational culture.

Sefryn Penrose

Election statement

As with many in archaeology and heritage, the sense of impotence I feel as the so-called “culture wars” play out, and our disciplines and practices are dragged into misleading headlines, has been distressing. I believe that the CBA has a great place in public discourse – in facilitating and taking part in constructive conversations that build a better understanding of the place of the past in the present. Key to this is the coordination of archaeologists and heritage advocates, and the communication of the knowledges we create to the widest publics: to actively pursue meaningful work in diversity, inclusion, representation that broaden understandings of the past in the present. Now is the time for the voices of our discipline to be heard and to encourage and build new relationships across publics. I would like to be a part of developing new (and old) ways of doing so.

Professor John Schofield

Election statement

As archaeologists, we find ourselves in a difficult position. Our discipline is in crisis with threats to both the heritage sector and to educational establishments. Yet archaeology has never been more relevant, for the unique perspective it brings to global challenges including climate change, health and wellbeing. The CBA holds a respected position within the sector. It has an authoritative voice yet also, crucially, is public facing. From this position, and with new leadership, the CBA can make a difference. With my current research into the relevance of archaeology to helping address global challenges (e.g. my work with plastic pollution and homeless communities), my experience within the sector and higher education (21 years with English Heritage; eleven at the University of York, including six as Head of Department), and a drive towards achieving greater diversity and equity within archaeology, I believe I can make a meaningful contribution as Trustee.

CBA Election of Honorary Vice-President

Election of Professor Marilyn Palmer as Honorary Vice-President of the Council for British Archaeology.

In the spring of 2021, the CBA was informed that, after a long and distinguished association with the CBA East Midlands and the CBA nationally, Professor Marilyn Palmer had decided to step back from her formal roles with the CBA.

Professor Marilyn Palmer FSA is Emeritus Professor of Industrial Archaeology at the University of Leicester and a former Vice-President and President of the CBA (Vice-Chair and Chair). She has had a life-long interest in industrial archaeology, teaching first in adult education from the 1970s and then as part of full-time university courses from the 1990s. She has been involved with the AIA since the late 1970s. She co-wrote *Industrial Archaeology* (2011) for the CBA’s Practical Handbook series with Mike Nevell and Mark Sissons. She was a trustee of the CBA from October 2008 when she was elected as Vice-President (Vice-Chair). Marilyn remained as Vice President until becoming Chair in 2017. She stepped down in 2018 having completed a full 3 terms in post.

Considering this long service to the CBA, The Board of Trustees propose that Marilyn Palmer FSA is elected to the post of Honorary Vice-President of the CBA at the AGM on 3rd February 2022.