

# Federation of Recorded Music Societies Ltd

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Dear FRMS Contact,

I am pleased to give advance notice of the **85th FRMS Annual General Meeting** which is to be held on **Saturday, 6 November 2021 at 2pm.**

Last year, as we know all too well, the UK and the world was in the grip of the coronavirus pandemic and our planned AGM in Leicester was replaced with an online meeting using a videoconferencing application called Zoom. In the event, the meeting was well attended and provided a productive platform for discussion and interaction.

This year is very different and, over the past few months, we have seen most legal restrictions lifting and life gradually returning to something closer to normality. The vaccination programme has given many people a feeling of greater confidence in attending public gatherings. However, the situation remains volatile and we, as a national committee, feel that it would be irresponsible to attempt to return to a live AGM, given the potential for another rise in infections during the winter months. We recently conducted a survey of affiliate societies and there was a very strong majority in favour of another online meeting this year.

Therefore, this year's AGM will again take place remotely on Zoom and we hope that the Leicester Music Society will finally be able to host a successful and well attended live meeting in 2022.

For those of you new to Zoom, we have been using it for our normal committee meetings since the first lockdown in April 2020 and have found it easy to use and very accessible. It costs nothing, although you will, of course, need an internet connection and, preferably, an email address. **If you wish to attend the AGM, you will need to indicate in advance, using the form below, and Ron Mitchell, our Website Manager, will then send you details of how to join the meeting.**

Attendance at the AGM is open to all members of affiliated societies, so, if more than one member wishes to attend, please either copy the form below or simply add any additional names and email addresses to the form.

All **Officers and Committee places** are subject to re-election each year, and we also invite nominations from anyone who would like to join the committee. If you are interested, please complete the **Nomination Form** and attach a short biography of not more than 50 words to be returned to me, by email or post, by **Saturday 2 October 2021**. The Constitution allows for 10 committee members which includes Officer posts. Should there be more candidates than vacancies, ballot papers will be included in the second mailing. Committee membership is easier than ever now as it has been agreed that all future committee meetings will be held by Zoom; only the AGM, under normal circumstances, will be a face to face meeting. Each Committee member contributes to discussion on all aspects of running the Federation. At present, there are **two**

**committee vacancies**, so I hope you will seriously consider joining us at this crucial time in order to support the future of our organisation.

Affiliated societies can raise any **Motion** for discussion at the AGM provided it has been agreed by two of their officers and reaches me by **Saturday 2 October 2021**.

Additional copies of this letter and all the documentation with this mailing will be available on our website at [www.thefrms.co.uk](http://www.thefrms.co.uk).

I do hope that you or a member of your Society will be able to attend this important meeting.

Yours faithfully

*Adele Wills*

Adele Wills  
Secretary, FRMS

### **Encs**

1. Nomination Form
2. Minutes of AGM (Zoom meeting 2020)

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### **Confirmation of Attendance at the AGM Zoom meeting on 6 November 2021 at 2pm**

Name(s):

Society you are representing:

Email address(es) to be used:

**Please return to Adele Wills at [secretary@thefrms.co.uk](mailto:secretary@thefrms.co.uk) or call me on 07980 070198 if you wish to send by post. Forms should be returned by 2 October 2021.**

