ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026
Saturday 14 November 2026 at 11.00 by Zoom

The Annual General Meting of the English Folk Dance and Song Society will be held on Saturday 14 November 2026 commencing at 11.00.

Instructions for proxy voting are included in this mailing. Any members who wish to attend the meeting should send an e-mail giving their name and address to agm@efdss.org not later than 12 November 2026. You will then be sent a link for the Zoom meeting.

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 November 2025

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 2 June 2026

5. Matters arising from the Minutes (not elsewhere on this agenda)

6. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts, including the report of the Auditors, and an update on activities April to November 2026.

The Chair, Treasurer and Chief Executive will each speak on their areas of responsibility in the Annual Report and Accounts and will answer questions.

7. Elections to the Board (see Note 1)

8. Ordinary Resolution 1 (Proposed by the Board)

Under Article 3.7 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that from 1 January 2027 annual subscriptions shall be as set out in Note 2 below.

9. Ordinary Resolution 2 (Proposed by the Board)

It is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion to appoint Sayer Vincent as the Society's auditors until the conclusion of the 2027 AGM and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

10. Ordinary Resolution 3 (Proposed by the Board) (see Note 1)

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Angharad Cooper's appointment as a director until the 2028 Annual General meeting should be approved.

11. Ordinary Resolution 4 (Proposed by the Board) (see Note 1)

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Drew Hill's appointment as a director until the 2028 Annual General meeting should be approved.

12. Ordinary Resolution 5 (Proposed by the Board) (see Note 1)

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Marcie Hopkins's appointment as a director until the 2028 Annual General meeting should be approved.

13. Ordinary Resolution 6 (Proposed by the Board) (see Note 1)

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Jeremy Iles's appointment as a director until the 2028 Annual General meeting should be approved.

14 Any Other Business.

Note 1 Since the last AGM the Board has appointed Angharad Cooper, Drew Hill, Marcia Hopkins and Jeremy Iles to the Board under Article 11.5. The approval of these appointments is part of the business of this meeting. Drew Hill has decided to seek election to the Board under article 11.2 and the directors have recommended his nomination. In addition the Board are proposing Mohammed Ilyas for election to the Board. Malcolm Barr-Hamilton, Jon Boden, Fi Fraser, Bryony Griffith, Lisa Knapp, Emma Laister and David Webber have been nominated by EFDSS members for election to the Board. As there are more vacancies than candidates all are automatically elected.

Note 2 The proposed 2027 membership subscriptions are as follows. The 2026 figures are in brackets.

Starter membership	£24	(£24)
Supporter / Practitioner	£64	(£62)
Joint Supporter / Practitioner	£96	(£93)
Student or 18-30	£29	(£28)
Under 18	£29	(£28)
Senior	£43	(£42)
Joint Senior	£64	(£62)
Life Membership	£572	(£555)
Joint Life Membership	£810	(£786)

Fees for associates (which are set by the Board and do not require approval at the AGM) will be

Group	£98	(£95)
School	£33	(£33)
UK Institution	£113	(£110)
Overseas Institution	£137	(£133)
Folk Development Agency	£98	(£95)