



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Individual Membership Update

Natalya Watson

Matthew Curtis served as Membership Secretary until his retirement from the Board in December 2021. The Board would like to thank Matt for his time in the role.

In February 2022, Jonny Garrett was co-opted to the Board as his successor. Jonny works with the membership sub-committee, Bryan Betts and John Porter, to review all incoming applications and to consider Associate members for progression to Full membership. Please find more information on our latest membership figures below.

The Board would like to thank all current and new members for supporting the Guild throughout the year, not least through your subscription payments. The Board would also like to extend a special thank you to all Guild members who promote new members and act as proposers in the application process.

Membership Update (as of March 31, 2022)

Full Members = 235

Associate Members = 22

Total members in good standing = 257

(versus 259 members in March 2021)

During the 21/22 year, 14 members retired from the Guild, 24 lapsed in membership by failing to renew their subs and one Associate member was accepted, but never paid.

Associate Members Advancing to Full Membership

This year, the Board approved new criteria for progression from Associate to Full membership. Associate members who joined the Guild more than one year ago were invited to submit two new work samples for review by the membership sub-committee.

Congratulations to Gabriele Bertucci, Mike Hampshire, Steve Pratt and Lana Svitankova who were promoted to Full members this year.

New Members 2021/22

Full Members = 19

Associate Members = 11

Total = 30

(versus 33 new members last year)

Subscription Rates

The subscription rate has not been increased since 2018.

£57.50

Membership Pin Badges

Membership pin badges have been posted to all individual members who have paid their subscriptions, and on an ongoing basis as and when new members join the Guild.

If you have not yet received your badge, please email secretary@beerguild.co.uk with your current postal address.

Call to Action

The Board would like to encourage all beer communicators to join the Guild, as our strength lies in numbers. We are the British Guild of Beer Writers, but people communicate about beer in a variety of mediums including:

- *Photography*
- *Films & videography*
- *Podcasts*
- *Vlogs*
- *Broadcasting*
- *Training*
- *Social media platforms*
- *Performers*
- *Event organisers*

Guild members are encouraged to propose new members contributing to improving the standards of beer communications and extending the public knowledge of beer.