

**BMC AGM**  
**Sunday 31 March 2019**

**Item 7.e. Election of Nominated Director with skills and experience relating to fund-raising and grant applications**

**Candidate Name: JOHN ROBERTS**

Proposer: Ray Wigglesworth QC, Individual member

Seconder: Hazel Findlay, Student member

**Factual Statement**

John is an experienced education sector entrepreneur, being the founder and Chief Executive of Edapt (UK) Ltd, providing legal and employment services to schools and teachers in the UK, an enterprise which was started from seed funding. His earliest experience of fund-raising and grant applications relates to raising funds on a small scale as a teacher and more recently includes involvement in both ABCTT and BMC's grant applications to Sport England. John also has broad experience of working with investors.

John originally joined the BMC as a member of an Affiliated Club, later becoming an individual member. He has been a trustee and chair of the Association of British Climbing Wall Training Trust, which administers the National Indoor Award Schemes for Climbing and for Bouldering.

Following the BMC's Organisational Review, John has been a member of the BMC Board since June 2018 as Vice-President, a role which becomes discontinued at the 2019 AGM through the governance changes embedded in the new Articles of Association.

John climbs regularly, indoors and outdoors, and is an experienced rock climber, skier and mountaineer with worldwide experience that includes first ascents.

**Personal Statement**

Having spent the last year as a Vice President of the BMC, and the previous year on the Organisational Review Group (ORG), I understand the complex issues and change the BMC currently faces, and the need to champion the views of all members, build bridges and enhance partnerships across climbing, hillwalking and mountaineering.

The BMC Vice President role has been removed from the BMC as a result of the changes made to the governance structures, and therefore I am applying as a Nominated Director to continue my role on the Board, implementing change in line with the spirit of the ORG recommendations. As a Vice President, I have been chairing the Organisational Development Group championing, and driving forward the changes voted on at the 2018 AGM.

I have been involved in the BMC's current Sport England grant funding bid application, and previous ABCTT grant funding bids, and will continue to support this process in my role as a Nominated Director.

As a BMC member Nominated Director I intend to continue to drive forward organisational development in order to "build a better BMC" for members; improving governance, reviewing policy, building partnerships, and enhancing membership engagement.

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