



UNIVERSITY HOUSE

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Ballot for General Committee 2017/8

4 positions to be filled

A ballot will be held on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 November 2017

Voting papers and ballot box will be available in the House as follows:

Wednesday November 15, 2017

Noon to 2:00pm.

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday November 16, 2017

8:30am to 10:30am

Requests in writing for **a postal vote** to be addressed to the **General Manager**, and such postal vote together with a declaration of membership must be received by the General Manager **before Noon on Wednesday November 15, 2017**.

Candidates for General Committee

Marc Somssich (Biosciences)

Di Rachinger (External Relations)

Alan Black (Alumni)

Brian Allison (Academic Services)

Paul Taylor (FVAS)

Peter McGrath (Audit Assurance)

Judi Humberstone (Psychology)



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Statements by Candidates for General Committee

Di Rachinger

I have served one year as a University House committee member in 2017 and am keen to continue to build on achievements in 2018. In particular, I have worked with other members of the social committee to broaden the range of social events to meet the interests of our diverse membership base. New initiatives have included US and French election events, a Halloween Evening, career conversations and planning of the inaugural New Year's Eve party.

I am passionate about the value of University House to our University community. I hope to continue on the Committee to grow and strengthen both the membership base and the range of UH activities.

Alan Black

I have been a member of University House for 12 years and a General Committee member for the last 2 years. My roles have included being a member of the Food subcommittee, the Refurbishment committee and the Matthaei Glass Committee.

In my role as a committee member I have been active in recruiting new members to the club including participating in the "House Club Table" on Wednesdays - ready to help and inform potential new members about the advantages of club membership.

My vision for the club is to continue promoting the benefits of membership of University House to younger staff members and PhD students.

Brian Allison

My motivation in standing for election is to assist in the ongoing preservation of the rich cultural collections held by University House. I would like to apply for grant funding to have assessments made, and treatments undertaken, on three significant items displayed in UH Gardens. The medieval well head, and the marble bench in the western garden need extensive work or they will suffer irreversible damage. The bronze sculpture of a woman in the eastern garden displays 'bronze disease' that needs prompt conservation work.

Finally, with my connections to the University's Cultural Collections unit and my access to multiple display platforms in the University, I am in an ideal position to promote University House's cultural collections to the rest of the University and the community at large, as well as having the facility to bring displays from other collections within the University to University House venues.

Paul Taylor

I have been on Committee for the last 10 years and currently am chair of the Matthaei sub-Committee which administer matters concerning the Ernst Matthaei Memorial collection of Early Glass. As well I am a member of the House wine panel which regularly has the tough task of selecting value for money wines to be sold over the bar. I am passionate about the House which is a great resource for University staff to simply relax, be entertained and to develop collegiality between colleagues. By being on Committee I will endeavour to continue to look after the interests of all members.

Peter McGrath

Hello Members, I have been working at the University for over 25 years and head the University's Audit Assurance team in Legal & Risk. I recent years I have been on House General Committee and served this year as Vice-President. As the University moves into a period a major redevelopment and expansion, I am keen to see University House embrace and take advantage of this change to enhance member services and amenities and partner with the University to provide a focal point for social networking with colleagues, peers and guests.

Judi Humberstone

During my first term on the University House committee I have demonstrated my passionate commitment to ensuring the continuing success of the staff club through listening to member feedback and being actively involved in maintaining and improving member services. Specifically, I contributed to an extensive review of the quality and relative cost of our catering offerings compared to other on campus and local options and I have continued to actively promote the significant benefits of University House membership as part of a recruitment campaign to attract more female and young staff members who are currently under-represented.

Marc Somssich

Withdrawn