

Memorandum for Committee Election 2026 Ben Dreyer

Nomination Notice

In accordance with Rule 24.1.1, the Secretary has received a notice for re-election, signed by 12 Members, nominating Ben Dreyer for re-election to the Committee.

In accordance with Rule 24.1.2 and 24.1.4, Ben Dreyer has provided written confirmation to the Secretary that he is willing to serve, and a memorandum is included below.

Memorandum of Ben Dreyer 203404

I, Ben Dreyer, offer myself for election with the support of the Committee. I have been an active member of The Wine Society for many years. I am currently the CEO at Boden, the clothing company, where I have worked for over 25 years. I have comprehensive experience of a direct-to-consumer retail business from Operations and IT through to the customer facing functions of Marketing and Service. I fully understand the costs and economics that drive the different functions and how they contribute to the overall running of a business. I also bring experience of the UK retail environment as well as global supply chains.

Outside of the commercial world I am Chair of my local literary festival. This is a not for profit charity focused on providing a service to the local community.

I believe this experience is beneficial to the Society and brings additional skills to the Committee.

Memorandum for Committee Election 2026 David Wightman

Nomination Notice

In accordance with Rule 24.1.1, the Secretary has received a notice for election, signed by 12 Members, nominating David Wightman for election to the Committee.

In accordance with Rule 24.1.2 and 24.1.4, David Wightman has provided written confirmation to the Secretary that he is willing to serve, and a memorandum is included below.

Memorandum of David Wightman 164893

As a member since 1994 I have been privileged to serve as a co-opted member of the Committee since July 2024 and have Chaired the People Sub-Committee since July 2025.

I followed my first degree in History with an MBA at Imperial College, and later with executive education at the University of Michigan. My career began in manufacturing, in materials management and logistics, in the UK and then in Malaysia. Back in the UK I worked as a civil servant, and then as a management consultant with Haygroup (now KornFerry) where I started my HR career. I moved to the Netherlands to work for Heineken as Group Director of Compensation and Benefits, and then as Senior Director of HR. Latterly I worked as an HR Director for Johnson Matthey.

My non-executive career started in 2022 with the NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board, now including Coventry and Warwickshire, and with the Church of England Worcester Diocese Board of Finance.

I believe my experience as a senior leader in people and organisation development will help The Wine Society in providing an outstanding experience and service for our members.

I offer myself for election with the unanimous support of the Committee.