Candidates for Election as Trustee as UKSG 2023/2024

Agbenyega, Jonathan

Having first published a polymer chemistry book by John Wiley & Sons during his PhD at the University of Southampton, Jonathan has gone on to build a career in scientific publishing spanning over 20 years.

Currently Jonathan is a Senior Manager in Business Development at CAS, a Division of the American Chemical Society, where he partners both with academic and industrial researchers and innovators across the UK and Republic of Ireland to accelerate scientific breakthroughs; accelerating game-changing discoveries with best-in-class solutions that simplify how scientists find and connect critical information.

Jonathan held the position of Editor-in-Chief for Materials Today Magazine during his tenure at Elsevier and continues to enjoy writing blog articles and news stories to support scientific discovery across key scientific disciplines and the wider general community.

Alam, Sabina

Dr Sabina Alam is the Director of Publishing Ethics and Integrity at Taylor and Francis Group. After a research career in neuroscience, Sabina moved into scientific and medical publishing in 2008, working on open access journals and a variety of peer review and publishing models at BMC journals (Springer Nature) and later at F1000 Research. Sabina joined Taylor and Francis in 2018, leading the Publishing Ethics and Integrity team on providing investigative support and expert guidance on editorial policies, publishing ethics and research integrity across over 2,700 journals in the STEM and HSS
disciplines. Sabina also serves on several cross-industry working groups on publishing ethics and research integrity issues, including being directly involved in guideline development for dealing with systematic manipulation of the publishing process (with a focus on paper mills) through work conducted on the COPE papermill working group and the STM Research Integrity Hub.

**Bullingham, Liam**

Liam manages the Research Support Team at Edge Hill University. This includes leading on library services around open research, research repositories, metrics, REF and funder compliance, and research culture. He is also a member of the Senior Management Team in Library and Learning Services. Liam works with the Research Office and Graduate School to develop and deliver strategy, policy, and training for the University’s research community.

Externally, Liam is also a member of the LIS-Bibliometrics Committee, co-organising the 2022 conference ‘Measuring What Matters’. He also co-organises ‘Open Research Week’ with colleagues at Liverpool John Moores University and The University of Liverpool, and is a Fellow of Advance HE. Liam has presented breakout sessions at the last three UKSG annual conferences, covering topics such as open access embargoes, librarian-academic research groups, and broadening the reach and impact of journal articles in partnership with AfricArXiv.
Giannoni, Steve

Steve joined EBSCO in 2006 as a Regional Sales Manager responsible for managing EBSCO’s database business with customers in North England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. In 2012, Steve was elevated to oversee a team of EBSCO’s UK/Ireland Sales Managers responsible for the Academic, Public Library, Schools and Government sectors.

In 2014, EBSCO merged its books, eBooks, serials management, database, and Software as a Service businesses together. Steve was charged with and continues to manage an expanded team of Sales Managers responsible for all EBSCO products and services within the UK and Ireland.

Steve represents EBSCO within the Sherif / EBSCO Enhancement Group, is a member of the Alumni Library Forum Committee and works closely with regional consortia Library Category Managers (APUC, SUPC, IReL etc).

Logan, Bethany

As Open Research and Scholarship Senior Manager, Bethany leads a team of librarians and professionals in the delivery of open research services and support at the University of Sussex. A Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, she has worked in both Research and Teaching Librarian roles and has over fifteen years’ experience working in academic libraries, supporting the knowledge community, engaging with and- on occasion- seeking to challenge scholarly communication ecosystems. Chair of UKSG’s Outreach and Education committee, Bethany led the large-scale member consultation for the latest UKSG strategic vision and works on projects to increase awareness of the organisation. She finds volunteering with UKSG extremely rewarding and is particularly proud of the committees’ most recent work on podcasting and career development. Bethany is passionate about diversifying the sector and believes UKSG has a unique role to play by creating meaningful opportunities to support and grow the community.
Mellins-Cohen, Tasha

Tasha Mellins-Cohen, Project Director at COUNTER and Founder of Mellins-Cohen Consulting, joined the scholarly publishing industry in 2001. She has held roles within learned societies (Royal Society of Medicine, Professional Engineering Publishing, IOP Publishing, Microbiology Society) and commercial publishers (SpringerNature) across operations, technology, editorial and executive functions. In 2020 she launched Mellins-Cohen Consulting in response to requests for help in developing and implementing learned society-appropriate OA business models. From 2022 she took over the running of COUNTER, the usage metrics standard, alongside her consulting work.

She says “Data and standards are essential underpinnings for our community, from the metadata standards that help optimise discoverability to the usage metrics that are one aspect of measuring impact. My combined roles as COUNTER's Project Director and founder of an independent consultancy business helping publishers achieve a sustainable transition to open access both rely on that pairing.”