



Candidates for Election as Trustee at UKSG 2025




Jon Bentley, Jisc

Jon Bentley is a Commercial Director at Jisc with oversight of services including OpenAthens and the UK Access Management Federation. Jon has been with OpenAthens and Jisc for 10 years, previously working in the B2B publishing world, a period which saw a huge cultural shift from print to digital delivery. Jon has experience in product management, marketing, sales and operations. His focus remains on managing change in a digital world. AI, analytics and insight are at the forefront of digital publishing creating a fast moving environment where integrity is paramount. The quality and veracity of the work that is published is as important as the ease with which it can be accessed – or in some instances protected. Removing barriers to access knowledge knowledge remains the priority.



Fiona Carr, Copyright Clearance Center

Fiona has worked in scholarly publishing since 1996, with the first twenty years or so focused on rights, licensing and business development roles. Fiona spent 12 years at Oxford University Press managing the rights team for their academic content but has also held positions at Elsevier, Alexander Street and Macmillan Education. In more recent years, Fiona has had sales roles within service providers such as OCLC, Ingenta, Highwire and now at the Copyright Clearance Center as Sales Director for Ringgold

	<p>Solutions. This broad range of experience enables a truly holistic view of the industry and the fundamental issues that are of importance to all stakeholders. Throughout her career, Fiona has been heavily involved in industry committees and activities: former-Chair of ALPSP Copyright Committee, ALPSP Mentoring Program participant, SSP Education Committee etc.</p>
	<p>Steve Giannoni, EBSCO</p> <p>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 and Account Managers responsible for the Academic, Public Library, Schools and Government sectors.</p> <p>In 2014, EBSCO merged its books, eBooks, serials management, database, and SaaS businesses together. Steve was charged with and continues to manage a team responsible for all EBSCO products and services, to all markets, within the North UK and Ireland.</p> <p>Steve represents EBSCO within the Sherif EBSCO Enhancement Group, participated as a member of the Alumni Library Forum Committee and works closely with regional consortia Library Category Managers (APUC, SUPC, IReL etc).</p> <p>As a Trustee of UKSG I believe I can bring this deep library experience together with Ebsco’s international, and decades long, experience on the international stage to truly represent the whole community.</p>



Becky Hill, Taylor & Francis

Becky Hill has worked in academic publishing since 2011, with roles spanning Editorial, Business Development and Open Research. Her current role as Head of Open Research at Taylor & Francis focusses on building open research publishing partnerships with research communities across Europe (spanning open access journals, books, and F1000). Over the past five years I have worked exclusively in the environment of open research, and across a range of formats and disciplines, so I can bring experience, industry knowledge and networks in this ever-important area.

From a practical perspective, I would also be happy to utilise experience in budget management, strategy and planning, and coordinating and delivering cross-sector events. As an organised person who wants to focus on practical solutions, I'd also seek to ensure that progress can be made wherever possible.

If I were elected as trustee representative from the publishing industry, I would seek to expand the diversity of perspectives included in the UKSG community, in order to further encourage the open exchange of ideas and practical solutions as we navigate the current challenges and emerging trends within the sector.

Personally, I would also hope to make a positive difference in delivering UKSG's vision and mission in ensuring that the organisation can continue to include, connect, innovate and deliver.



Alison Hope, Karger

Alison Hope is the Regional Manager for Northern Europe at Karger Publishers. With broad experience of delivering commercial growth for content providers and publishers, her focus during the past 20+ years has been academic publishing and the European library market. Alison has a consistent track record of building sustainable commercial relationships, and successfully negotiating national licenses and consortia agreements, as well as working with diverse OA models.

Alison is passionate about promoting an open and equitable dialogue between libraries and publishers. In particular, she is keen to champion diversity in the scholarly publishing ecosystem and ensuring that small to medium-sized publishers have a seat at the table. Based in Central London, she regularly travels around Europe and reckons that she has visited several hundred libraries during the past couple of years.



Maria Khan, John Wiley & Sons

Maria Khan is the Senior Director of Health Sciences at John Wiley & Sons Ltd with over 30 years' experience in healthcare publishing. Based in Oxford, Maria leads a dynamic global team of publishers working across offices in China, the US, India, UK and Europe. With a degree in Biochemistry & Physiology, Maria oversees a diverse portfolio of over 450 journals, publishing around 65,000 articles annually covering a broad range of research areas, from oncology and cardiology to nursing, dentistry and veterinary science. Maria will bring her leadership and strategic skills to the UKSG Board, together with her experience of working with major, global societies and learned associations and their requirements as part of Wiley's partnership programme.



Aine Rice, VitalSource

Áine is Director of Academic Partnerships at VitalSource Technologies, where she is focused on supporting institutions in navigating the changing landscape of digital learning and content delivery. Prior to that, she gained broad experience across the knowledge sector, working with organisations such as Elsevier, Wolters Kluwer Ovid, and until the end of 2023, ProQuest (leading the Books Sales Team) in a range of global markets. This has given her a well-rounded perspective on both the UKI region and the wider trends shaping scholarly communication.

Áine is currently undertaking a MSc in Library and Information Management to deepen her understanding of emerging issues in the field and refresh her Librarian qualification from University College Dublin



Megan Taylor, Boydell & Brewer

The first academic library conference I attended was UKSG, an experience that left me inspired by the collaborative, supportive, and enthusiastic community dedicated to tackling the challenges and opportunities within the library sector. Throughout my career, I have benefited immensely from the community and support provided by various organizations, including UKSG, and I am eager to contribute more fully to UKSG's mission.

With a diverse background in academic publishing, research marketing, university press management, and OA project work, I bring knowledge and experience to the Trustee team. I am also eager to learn and grow through this role.

In my current position, I focus on building and strengthening relationships between publishers, societies, and libraries. These skills would be a great fit for the Trustee

	<p>role and allow me to contribute to the wider publishing and library sectors. I understand the expectations of the Trustee role and am committed to fulfilling them with dedication and purpose.</p> <p>Additionally, I have ideas for further involvement, particularly around the Insights journal and initiatives supporting early career professionals—areas I am passionate about.</p>
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