



SECRETARY REPORT – 2026 ELECTION FOR THE TECBAR AGM ON

24 JULY 2025

The Rules

1. The TECBAR Rules require that (in addition to the Officers), there shall be nine elected members (Rule 6(c)) of whom at least five shall be juniors at the date of their election, of whom at least three shall be under seven years' call at the date of their election (Rule 8).

Vacancies

2. The term of the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer expire in July 2026, as do the tenures of three ordinary committee members.

Nominations

3. At the expiry of the deadline for nominations for these vacancies on 12 June 2026, TECBAR had received the following nominations:

Chair Steven Walker KC (Atkin Chambers)

Vice-Chair Jessica Stephens KC (4 Pump Court)

Treasurer Rob Stokell (Crown Office Chambers)

Elected Committee members:

Five nominations were received for the three ordinary committee member vacancies

- (1) Alice Sims (Keating Chambers)
- (2) Luke Wygas (4 Pump Court)
- (3) Arran Dowling-Hussey (4-5 Gray's Inn Square)
- (4) Michael Levenstein (Gatehouse Chambers)
- (5) William Lacey (Crown Office Chambers)

Result

4. As there was only one nomination for the posts of Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, the nominees noted above are duly elected.
5. In respect of the ordinary committee member vacancies, an election process was duly conducted in accordance with the following timetable:
 - (1) Ballot papers were issued to members with nominees personal statements on 26 June 2026.
 - (2) Completed ballot papers were able to be received by me, as Secretary, both electronically and in hard copy. In the event, I only received ballots by email.
 - (3) No ballot papers were received after the closure of voting at 5pm on 17 July 2025.
 - (4) Completed ballots were counted by me in my capacity as secretary on 22 July 2025.
 - (5) One submitted ballot paper was invalid as it was a completed ballot paper for last year's election!

6. Following a count of the votes on 22 July 2026, of the nominees for the three elected committee member vacancies the nominees that received the highest number of votes, namely, Alice Sims (Keating), Lyke Wygas (4PC) and Michael Levenstein (Gatehouse) are duly elected as ordinary committee members.
7. The elected committee for 2025/6 is as follows:

2025-26 TECBAR Committee

Officers

Chair Steven Walker KC
Vice-Chair Jessica Stephens KC
Secretary Ryan Turner
Treasurer Robert Stokell

Bar Council Representative Luke Wygas

Committee Members

Alice Sims
Helen Dennis
Alexandra Bodnar
Michael Levenstein
Rebecca Keating
Sheriar Khan
Caroline Ziebart
Mercy Milgo

8. The Officers will co-opt any additional members that are needed to fill any remaining slots on the Committee over the summer.

9. The Chair and Secretary will meet with all Committee members in the early Autumn and agree how all roles and responsibilities are fairly allocated.

With thanks

10. A concluding comment from me to thank Nicholas Higgs for his assistance with the administrative burden of managing the TECBAR website and email distribution lists.
11. As some members are aware, the TECBAR Committee does an enormous amount for its members. We are far fewer in number than most other specialist bar associations but do more than hold our own as a voice representing the profession and our profile continues to be raised.
12. It has been very encouraging to see the levels of engagement in regards to nominations for election and voting in elections, and members are encouraged to get involved, stand for election (when vacancies arise) and attend the events that are organised for professional interest and socialising.
13. The events hosted by TECBAR are very worthwhile for those practising at the Technology and Construction Bar and ensure a collegiate atmosphere between those in different sets who otherwise spend their time either stuck at their desk in chambers in their own room, or only arguing with one another via the tedium of a Microsoft Teams videocall.

Ryan Turner
TECBAR Secretary
22 July 2026