

## **Nominations to the Board**

The Rules allow for a maximum number of seven Board members of which one third must retire each year in rotation. Julian Wilkins will retire by rotation and is seeking re-election. The Co-op received no new nominations to join the Board. The number of directors proposed does not exceed the maximum number permitted so there will not be a “competitive” ballot. Members will be asked to vote for Julian through a motion put before the AGM.

### **Biographical Notes**

#### **Existing Directors**

##### **Julian Wilkins – Balcombe**

Julian is Sussex born and has lived in Balcombe since 2010.

Julian qualified as a solicitor in 1988 and also as a Notary Public in 1995; he became a CEDR trained commercial mediator in 1997; in addition he has an M.Phil degree in tort and economic loss and a Diploma in EU law.

Since 2015 Julian has been involved with Repower Balcombe and is one of its directors primarily responsible for their legal work. Julian is legal adviser to Community Energy South.

Although Julian has extensive civil litigation experience, he now focuses on advisory and non-contentious media, Intellectual Property and general commercial legal advice. He is developing a keen interest in legal and governance issues relating to the mobility industry such as autonomous driving and the electrification of vehicles.

Other experience includes lecturing final year commercial law students at the University of Sussex and providing contributions to the Westminster Media Forum. Julian is on the register of visiting lecturers for the University of Law and as an alumni member of University of Reading provides occasional support to its Law Faculty.

He has always had a keen interest in writing and journalism. This is demonstrated as editor of the ITN (Independent Television News) 1955 Club Newsletter. Also, Julian founded and edited Blue Pencil magazine concerning Intellectual Property law and the creative industries, including design and technology. He has written for other legal journals as well as written for the Guardian, Independent and Broadcast magazine.

Julian is a regular contributor to the EU’s Audio-Visual Observatory’s legal update newsletter, IRIS providing insight into current legal and regulatory trends.

Writing in all forms is a passion for Julian and he has been a finalist in script competitions and is a member of the Writers’ Guild of Great Britain. Julian is currently involved in several writing projects. Since 2011 Julian has been responsible for the London Screenwriters’ legal clinic.