

CSCC BCA Rep Report

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The first contested election for the post of BCA chair was held in October, with acting chair Russell Myers being declared the winner after a period of electronic voting. Russell received 308 votes, with 266 for contender Rostam Namaghi. The uncontested post of secretary went to Allan Richardson and Steve Grey is now the newly elected Training Officer. Nigel Atkins and Josh White were voted in as Individual Representatives.

The proposal to merge the Training Committee and the Equipment Committee was passed, despite opposition from the Training Committee. How this will work in practice has not yet been determined. CSCC still has both an Equipment Officer (Andrew Atkinson) and a Training Officer (Dave Keegan) and these roles are unaffected by the change at national level. Andrew and Dave will continue to work together on all relevant matters and when the situation with the merged committee becomes clearer, they will work out how best to represent CSCC's interests in these areas at national level.

All options under the complicated proposal regarding s10.1 of the constitution (the 'non-interference' clause) failed to reach the necessary 70% threshold for constitutional change, so all three options failed, as a result, this clause remains unchanged. The Various other constitutional amendments were all passed. [A full breakdown of the results can be found on the BCA website.](#)

The date of the next BCA council meeting has not yet been set, as Howard Jones (Treasurer and Insurance Manager) has recently had surgery following an injury, which has delayed matters. It is likely that the next meeting will be held in December. I will circulate the papers by email when they are available.

Russell Myers has provided a short statement following his election, in response to a post on the UKcaving forum, and Russell has sent this for inclusion in this newsletter. I look forward to working with Russell on BCA Council as CSCC's rep, and very much support his comments. The recent OFD rescue shows that when it matters, cavers from all across the country pull together (quite literally!).

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