

Nomination for President of British Gymnastics - Helen M Phillips MBE

Dear British Gymnastics Member,

My passion for Gymnastics extends over 40 years from being an eager participant, a club coach, manager, international judge, area chair, technical panel chair, local and national competition organiser, fundraiser, Home Nation Chair and like many of our members a very committed volunteer and passionate fan.

With my extensive sporting experience and networks gained from holding some significant positions in Sport within UK and internationally, I offer the following experience for you to consider my nomination for the role of President of British Gymnastics.

In particularly my knowledge of:

- 1) the distinct and important roles of our National Governing Body - British Gymnastics and Home Country Associations, International Federations and furthermore wider sport international relations;
- 2) the role of the board, key committees and their recent achievements, ambitions and existing programmes and provision to our members;
- 3) the social and economic impact that the Sport of Gymnastics has across the communities in Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- 4) my integrity and strong values particularly in respect to promoting equality, diversity and inclusivity principally in relation to fair representation of all Members, Clubs, Home Nations, their Gymnasts/Staff/Officials and all disciplines irrelevant of size, gender and ability.
- 5) my extensive knowledge of UK Code of Good Governance supported by my experience, proven skill and comprehensive experience in and around a board room.
- 6) my understanding of the importance of engaging when appropriate, with relevant stakeholders. e.g board members, funding agencies, executive staff, members, who together ensure the long-term sustainability of Gymnastics and the development needs across our Nations. I have a particular interest in addressing reasons for disengagement and exceeding customer expectation.
- 7) my extensive experience of public funding sector, commercial partnering & sponsorship engagement

Being an experienced Executive and Non-Executive Director in both business and sport, I feel I can challenge and provide extensive supportive skills to a board that is at the heart of British Sport. I pride myself on being efficient, fully informed and capable of representing the views of the members I represent and the organisation I uphold the values for.

My modern approach to leadership, my inclusive style of engagement and my passion to make a positive difference will support the impactful reputation the sport has already created. I am confident I can add value, continue to drive ambition and represent the membership of British Gymnastics fairly and honestly.

It would be an honour to be the first Female President of British Gymnastics and follow in the footsteps of those significant contributors who have held office before. Many whom I have had the privilege of serving alongside as a British Gymnastics board member from 2004 – 2012.

Curriculum Vitae

Helen M Phillips MBE



Entrotec Ltd Company Director with Shareholding – June 2011 – Present

Entrotec is the largest UK manufacturer in the electronic security sector (Independently owned £7.6m). An innovative market leader supplying pioneering digital door entry and access control systems.

Commonwealth Games Wales – Non-Executive Chair – September 2013 – Present

I have led the 'Commonwealth Games – Team Wales' Board through Wales's most successful Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014 and Gold Coast 2018. It is easily identifiable that the success on the field of play was equalled by the enhanced social impact, sustainable business model and improved governance.

Commonwealth Games Federation Sports Committee representative (elect) - September 2019-2023

Welsh Gymnastics Ltd – Non-Executive Chair – March 2022 – Present (Resignation accepted – Tenure ends September 2019)

Since 2002 I have led a modernisation strategy across all aspects of the business at corporate, development and high-performance level. Increased membership by 500% to 26,000+, increased turnover by 400% and enabled a system to achieve 13 medals from 3 Games. All as a result of an efficient and sustainable strategic focus.

British Gymnastics – Non-Executive Director – December 2004-October 2012 (2 cycles)

During my eight years at British Gymnastics I had significant impact on the modernisation of its purpose, its leadership and its strategic direction leading up to London 2012.

Other key contributions:

- Chaired a fully accepted report commissioned by Commonwealth Gymnastics Confederation in consultation with the International Federation and International partners.
- Co-authored Review of Sport Wales. Appointed at the request of Welsh Government.
- Awarded MBE for services to Welsh Gymnastics.
- Guest speaker, Leadership, Governance in Sport and Why Gymnastics.

I have been part of the Gymnastics family since being introduced by my sister at the age of 4 in 1976. Now retiring from my role as Chair of Welsh Gymnastics an extension of that journey as President of British Gymnastics would be a honour and an opportunity, I would be grateful for.