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Board Member reappointments at the Football Licensing Authority

Gerry Sutcliffe has reappointed Julie Summerell and Brendon Batson MBE as board members of the Football Licensing Authority (FLA). Their second terms run from 8 January 2010 for the three years to 7 January 2013.

Julie Summerell

After graduating as a civil engineer, Ms Summerell joined the oil and gas industry and over 9 years carried out various operational and commercial roles. She then spent 11 years as a strategic risk consultant leading numerous high-profile projects such as the global risk assessments for the Millennium Celebrations for the Government Office for London, and London's major celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee Weekend Trust. She is an accredited mediator and specialises in multi-party facilitation with a focus on public behaviour issues. She is currently facilitating a multi-party forum on behalf of the football and rail industry looking at resolving problems associated with fans travelling on the railways. Julie was recently a Public Appointments Ambassador in a new Government programme led by the Government Equalities Office and Cabinet Office to encourage more people to apply for public appointments.

Brendon Batson MBE

A former professional footballer, Mr Batson was Deputy Chief Executive at the Professional Footballers Association from 1984-2002. During this time, he chaired PFA Financial Management Ltd (1989-2002) and was a Director of PFA Enterprises (1990-2002). He was Managing Director at West Bromwich Albion plc from 2002-2003, and since then has been the Managing Director of Batson Sports Consultancy Ltd. He is also Chairman of the Professional Players Federation, and a Trustee of Sporting Equals. He received the MBE in 2001 for services to football.

Background

Under the terms of The Football Spectators Act (1989), terms of appointment to the board of the FLA cannot exceed three years. The appointments are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointment process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Ms Summerell and Mr Batson have declared no political activity. Board Members of the FLA devote approximately one pay per month to the role, and are offered £265 per day in remuneration.

The current board of the FLA comprises:

Paul Darling QC (Chairman)
Brendon Batson MBE
Dr Pauleen Lane CBE
Peter Rowley
Julie Summerell
Ronald Wilkie
Derek Wilson
John Woodrow

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