

Minutes of the BBHSCA Extraordinary Annual General Meeting at Rothamsted Conference Centre, Harpenden, AL5 2JQ on Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 19.00

Present:

Brian Allin	Crystal Boston	Julian Daly	Aimee Dimmock
Sally Ferguson	David Franklin	Lucy Ghawss	Andrew Guntert
James Johnson	Darren Jordan	Simba Mareverwa	Andrew Mead
Chris Nevard	Clive Randall	John Sheehan	Mark Trembling
Carolyn Wallis	Henry Wallis		

Virtual attendees

Daniel Boyce	Ben Brophy	Paul Hingston	Derek Hyde
Maureen Lamburn	James Mulhall	Peter Tucker	Beverley Turner
Benjamin Warriner	Andrew Williamson	Jamie Wooldridge	

Apologies received from:

Clifford Bygrave

By Proxy:

Ian Byrne	Stephen Clarke	Ann Coleman	Catherine Daly
Philip Dean	Julian Ellis	Richard Evans	Diana Godden
Michael Hardman	Gail Johnson	Kate Lendrum	Christina Makhoul
Salman Maqbool	Claire Marshall	Kevin Moss	Angela Peden
Alan Radford	Sarah Redden	David Smoley	Alison Stokes
Susanna Sutcliffe	Rachael Threlfall	Clare Tyley	Steve Wade
Neil Wilkinson			

In attendance:

Kate Binks	Melanie Christie	Meghan Doyle	Kim Shield
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1. Notice of the meeting

LUCY GHAWSS, BBH President, welcomed all present to the Extraordinary General Meeting and introduced herself and the Officers present, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary Brian Allin, ICAEW Council Members Julian Daly, Andrew Mead and John Sheehan, Committee members Crystal Boston and Paul Hingston, and outlined the format for the meeting and confirmed a decision will be reached based on the majority vote.

She asked if the Notice of the Meeting (at page 3) could be taken as read. This was agreed.

2. Apologies and Proxy Forms received

BRIAN ALLIN confirmed apologies received and receipt of twenty-five proxy votes, as recorded above.

3. **Vote on the proposals**

LUCY GHAWSS called on Management Committee members Darren Jordan and John Sheehan to present the proposal for the activities and operations hitherto carried out by the Beds, Bucks & Herts District Society to move to ICAEW, following which most of the member-facing activities will be undertaken by ICAEW Beds, Bucks & Herts, an ICAEW Local Network, with the existing District Society independently administering its accumulated funds, operating principally as a grant-making body.

LUCY GHAWSS called on Management Committee members Andrew Mead and Julian Daly to present the proposal to remain an independent District Society, continuing to undertake activities and operations as currently, and dealing with its own administration, working with ICAEW via a Service Level Agreement.

LUCY GHAWSS opened the floor to questions and debate and responses to questions raised, both in the room and via Zoom, were given by BBH Office Holders and Melanie Christie and David Franklin.

LUCY GHAWSS then called on those attending in person to vote by a show of hands:-

- 3.1 Those in favour of remaining an independent district society
- 3.2 Those in favour of moving to an ICAEW Local Network
- 3.3 Those who wish to abstain
- 3.4 Those attending virtually voted on the same options using a Zoom Poll
- 3.5 The proxy votes received were added to the totals

LUCY GHAWSS announced the results:-

- 1 No response
- 3 Abstentions
- 8 Move to an ICAEW Local Network
- 40 Remain an Independent District Society

LUCY GHAWSS confirmed the Management Committee will move to implement the decision of the members. She asked any members who wish to volunteer to assist with the implementation of the decision should speak to her or any of those who presented at the meeting, or to contact Kim Shield if attending virtually

LUCY GHAWSS announced the close of the EGM and invited those attending in person to join her and the committee for a drinks reception in the main reception area

Lucy Ghawss
President and Chair, 2023/2024



NOTICE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 19:00
at Rothamsted Conference Centre, West Common, Harpenden,
Hertfordshire, AL5 2JQ**

Open to all members of the District Society in person or via a virtual link

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the ICAEW Beds Bucks & Herts Society of Chartered Accountants (BBHSCA) will be held on Wednesday 15 November 2023, starting at 19:00 as laid down in the Society's Rules (Rule 21: Notice of Meetings). It is open to all members of the District Society and you can attend either in person or via a virtual link or by completing and returning a proxy form.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. To read the notice of the meeting
2. To read apologies for absence
3. To vote on the proposal to:

Either

remain an independent District Society, continuing to undertake activities and operations as currently, and dealing with its own administration, working with ICAEW via a Service Level Agreement

Or

for the activities and operations hitherto carried out by the Beds, Bucks & Herts District Society to move to ICAEW, following which most of the member-facing activities will be undertaken by ICAEW Beds, Bucks & Herts, an ICAEW Local Network, with the existing District Society independently administering its accumulated funds, operating principally as a grant-making body

The existing rules of the society, proxy form and background information on the proposal are available at icaew.com/bbhegm or you can contact Kim Shield at kim.shield@icaew.com or call +44 (0)1223 654 682 for a copy.

The EGM is open to all members of the District Society and is free to attend either in person or via a virtual link at icaew.com/bbhevents or by completing and returning a proxy form. At the point of booking and to assist with catering, please let us know if you plan to attend in person. If attending virtually the booking confirmation will contain the link.

If you need assistance with booking, please email kim.shield@icaew.com or call +44 (0)1223 654 682.

Brian Allin
BBHSCA Honorary Treasurer and Secretary
20 October 2023