ICAEW BIRMINGHAM AND WEST MIDLANDS

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, 27 June 2023

Minutes of the 141st Annual General Meeting held virtually on Tuesday, 27 June 2023

Present: Ben Powell (Chair)

Celia Adams, Jo Drinkwater, Craig Edmondson, Tracey James, Khuram Javed, Chloe Neal, John Painter,

Phil Redgate, Johnathan Dudley, Manny Rai, Harriet Lawson, Vipul Sheth and Louise Rudd.

Non-committee members: David Delve, Justin Kyriakou, Elaine Franklin

Proxy voting forms received from: Chris Key, Seamus Foley

WELCOME

Ben welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. NOTICE

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

2. APOLOGIES

Ian Bowland, Seamus Foley, Jas Khela, Jon Gilpin, Shashi Sharma, Rebecca Crowther and Chris Key

3. MINUTES

Ben announced that the minutes of the 140th Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 16 May 2022 had been posted on the website and issued to the committee.

Tracey proposed and Harriet seconded that the minutes were a true record of the last Annual General Meeting. A unanimous show of hands declared the minutes approved.

4. ANNUAL REPORTS

Ben announced that the President's report for 2022-23 had been published on the website and had been circulated to the committee.

Celia proposed and Louise seconded the acceptance of the report. A unanimous show of hands declared the report accepted.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ben announced that the Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2022 had been published on the website and circulated to the committee. JW Hinks had approved the statements.

Tracey reported that there was a deficit of £5673, mainly occurring from events as the grant was not used. There are still plenty of reserves and the committee need to think about how to utilise these going forward for the benefit of members.

Louise proposed the resolution that the Financial Statements be received and adopted. David seconded the resolution. A unanimous show of hands declared the resolution passed.

6. ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

a) Retirements/elections

Ben announced that in accordance with amended Rule 7, six members of the committee retired at the Annual General Meeting. These were:

Amy Burton
 Andrew Coulson
 Leanne England
 Katie Giles
 Jasbir Khela
 Stephanie Mersh

There are 10 vacancies available on the committee and no new nominations have been received.

b) Appointment of officeholders

Ben proposed the following appointments:

President Ben Powell
Deputy President Khuram Javed

Vice President Vacant

Treasurer Tracey James

Celia proposed and Louise seconded the appointments. A unanimous show of hands declared the appointments accepted.

7. Dissolution of Worcester Society of chartered accountants

Ben announced that the minutes of the Worcestershire group 2022 AGM and 2022 Financial Statements had been published on the website.

No questions were raised.

Ben proposed that the Financial Statement be received and adopted, this was seconded by Celia. A unanimous show of hands approved the resolution.

Ben announced the dissolution of Worcestershire Group into Birmingham and West Midlands. John seconded the dissolution and a unanimous show of hands declared the dissolution passed.

Ben reported that the funds from the Worcestershire Group bank account will be transferred to the District Society bank account and will be ring fenced for the benefit of local Worcestershire members.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) To appoint the Independent Examiners

Ben proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the Society's Independent Examiner J W Hinks, Tracey seconded the proposal. A unanimous show of hands approved the vote of thanks.

Ben reported that J W Hinks had been approached to act as Independent Examiners of the Society for the forthcoming year.

b) Network update

Ben said a working party has been set up to look at the constitution and depending on decisions made, would indicate whether an independent examiner would be required for the forthcoming year.

Ben thanked the members of the Committee for their time and commitment to the Society, then declared the meeting closed at 5.30pm