

**ICAEW Staffs, Salop and Wolverhampton
Annual General Meeting – 21 May 2019**

<p>Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 at the Moat House Hotel, Acton Trussell at 5.30pm.</p> <p>Present: Alison Ollier (Chair) Chris Beeston, Paul Brindley, John Capper, Linda Conway, Sophie Dale-Black, Bob Morris, Neil Phillips, Shaun Philpott, Becci Salari, Anne-Marie Smith and Roger Stephenson.</p> <p>In attendance: Prize-winners Omar Harb, Richard Ratcliffe, Alexander Simpson and their families.</p>	
<p>WELCOME Alison opened the meeting and welcomed members of the Board and other members and guests to the meeting.</p>	
<p>PRIZE-GIVING Alison presented the cheque and certificate to the prize-winners:</p> <p>STRATEGIC BUSINESS MANAGEMENT – ARTHUR BAILEY CERTIFICATE OF ACHIVEMENT</p> <p>July 2018 Omar Harb, Dains November 2018 Ross Whitehurst, RSM (unable to attend)</p> <p>CORPORATE REPORTING - A B SNOW CERTIFICATE OF ACHIVEMENT</p> <p>July 2018 Omar Harb, Dains November 2018 Ross Whitehurst, RSM (unable to attend)</p> <p>CASE STUDY – MICHAEL GROOM CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>July 2018 Richard Ratcliffe, Dalton Pardoe Ltd November 2018 Alexander Simpson, RSM</p>	
<p>1. NOTICE OF MEETING Those present agreed to take the notice as read.</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES Helen Arthur, Arthur Bailey, Ian Cattell, John Cox and James Eyre-Walker.</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES Minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS The 43rd Financial Statements of the District Society had been circulated to the Board. The Treasurer gave a brief summary. Alison called for the Financial Statements to be approved, Bob Morris gave his approval and Paul Brindley seconded the resolution, the members present unanimously gave their approval.</p>	
<p>5. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS Alison thanked the Independent Examiners Geens for their services. She proposed their re-appointment for the ensuing year. Bob Morris seconded the proposal which was unanimously approved by those members present.</p>	
<p>Presidents Report "The District Society has had a busy year, the ICAEW District Society Blueprint encouraged us to review best practise and our constitution, this has resulted in:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decision to move to a limited company, which we hope will encourage more members and especially younger members to volunteer for the District Society board. • We have some vacancies on the board:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business Representative 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Young & Student Members Representative ○ Retired Members Representative ○ Diversity Champion <p>Should you be interested or know someone who might be, then please do get in touch, we'd be delighted to welcome you.</p> <p>In terms of our events, this year we tried to offer activities for different sections of the membership, with some success. The Farming Conference held at Harper Adams, organised by James, was especially successful and our first event for retired members at Wedgewood, was also very popular.</p> <p>The District Society continued to run CPD courses for members in Tax, Practise and Business and to run the tax discussion group in Wolverhampton. The Shropshire Society continued to meet and runs the Telford discussion group.</p> <p>This year we welcomed a new ICAEW Regional Director, Sophie Dale-Black, who was kind enough to support us in running two strategy review sessions out of which we will develop a 3 year plan over the coming months. So it is an exciting time to get involved and join us.</p> <p>I should very much like to thank everyone on the Board for their time and commitment this year, and I'd like to especially thank:-</p> <p>James Eyre Walker for his superb chairmanship of the Courses and Conferences Committee; Jenny Marks for her work in organising the very popular Tax Discussion Group; John Cox for his hard work and commitment for so many years, who stood down this year from Council and Linda Conway, our excellent Regional Executive"</p>	
<p>6. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE-HOLDERS 2019-20 Alison announced the nominations for each position:</p> <p>Neil Phillips – President John Capper – Deputy President Chris Beeston – Vice-President Roger Stephenson – Treasurer</p> <p>There being no other nominations these members were duly elected.</p> <p>Badges of Office were handed to each of the Office Holders.</p>	
<p>7. Neil in the Chair</p> <p>Neil Phillips outlined his objectives for 2019-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of the value of the CFAB and ACA qualifications to University, College and School students in the District to increase the level of applications for trainee positions • To encourage more ICAEW firms in the District to offer trainee positions for CFAB and ACA • To increase the level of engagement between the District Society Board and its members and students • To assist in the development of the District Society's strategic plan to ensure that the District Society is fit for the future, working collaboratively to meet the needs of its members, students, businesses and the wider community • To see the appointment of additional new members to the Board 	
<p>8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS None.</p>	
<p>9. CLOSURE Neil thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting over at 6pm.</p>	