ICAEW STAFFS, SALOP AND WOLVERHAMPTON

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, 17 May 2022

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting held virtually on Tuesday, 17 May 2022.

Present: Chris Beeston (Chair)

Arthur Bailey, John Capper, Daniel Clark, Linda Conway, Justin Kyriakou, Neil Phillips, Shaun Philpott and David Wheatley.

Non-Board members: Jo Clarkson, James Eyre-Walker and Kevin Nicholls.

Proxy forms from: Helen Arthur, Helen Bruce, Adrian Granger, Rob Hill, Martin Jones, Bob Morris, Julia Podmore, Garry Quinn, Mike Robins, Anne-Marie Smith, Roger Stephenson, Karen Staley and Keith Winter.

Welcome

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chris' annual report had been uploaded on to the website and circulated to the committee. He added, that he'd had a good year as president despite the covid restrictions.

At a previous meeting it was agreed that SSWSCA would enter into the pilot as West Midlands Community alongside BWMSCA, giving this larger group of members more strength. Entering at this early stage would give us the opportunity to shape the communities going forward. Operating within the community under the ICAEW umbrella would eliminate any risks the current society was exposed to like GDPR, insurance, director's liability. SSWSCA and BWMSCA had already started to work collaboratively on a number of on-line events and the recent Newly qualified celebration evening.

Chris announced that the district society would remain dormant from the AGM until a decision regarding the success of the pilot community was established (approx. 18-24 months). If deemed successful a decision regarding what to do with the DS funds would be agreed, it should be retained for use by SSWSCA members only. The new communities would be funded centrally by ICAEW.

Chris thanked the committee and regional team for their support.

1. Notice Convening Meeting

Notice of the meeting was taken as read.

2. Record Apologies

Helen Arthur, Helen Bruce, Martin Jones, Bob Morris, Anne-Marie Smith, Roger Stephenson and Phil Wood.

3. Minutes

Chris announced that the minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2021 had been issued.

Daniel proposed and Neil seconded that the minutes were a true record of the last Annual General Meeting. An unanimous show of hands declared the minutes approved.

4. Report and Financial Statements

Chris announced that the Report and Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2021 had been published on the District Society website and circulated to attendees.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Chris added that there was very little to report as they had only held one in person meeting, and hadn't spent the ICAEW grant. Their reserves were healthy.

Chris proposed the resolution that the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted, this was seconded by James and a show of hands declared the resolution passed.

5. Office Holders for 2022/23

Apart from the Treasurer, there had been no nominations for the office holder positions, however, Chris would remain as caretaker president for the dormant district society and would handle any questions relating to the pilot community.

- a. President vacant
- b. Deputy President vacant
- c. Vice President vacant

d. Secretary - vacant Treasurer - Roger Stephenson e Chris proposed that Roger be appointed and Daniel seconded the appointment. A show of hands declared the appointment approved. Any other business **Independent Examiners** a) Neil proposed a vote of thanks be passed to the Society's Independent Examiner Geens and this was seconded by James. A show of hands to agreed the proposal. DS community update Chris reported that future SSWSCA meetings scheduled in outlook for 2022/23 would be removed from LC the calendar and replaced with West Midlands community dates. Without any office holders there would not be a June committee meeting, but the committee were welcome to attend the BWMSCA meeting on 27 June to start building a relationship for the future community. BWMSCA had suggested setting up a working party with representatives from both district society committees to discuss how they will work together going forward. There was a little concern that a West Midlands community could be dominated by Birmingham. which was why SSWSCA separated from Birmingham and West Midlands 46 years ago. However, it would be up to SSWSCA representatives on the Board to ensure the community developed it's own agenda ensuring a geographical focus. 2022 CPD update and plans for 2023 Linda updated the committee on the courses: Cancelled – Accounting update - 28 April 2022 – 10 bookings – no costs incurred Cancelled – Topical tax issues for OMBs – 10 May 2022 – 15 bookings – no costs incurred Finance Bill/Act – 15 June 2022 – 33 booked + 6 potential bookings - Chris was happy for us to continue with this number and with 4 weeks to go we might reach our target. The society had the resources should a loss by incurred. Making tax digital for income tax - 15 September 2022 - 14 booked + 9 potential bookings -To decide at the end of July if should go ahead or cancel. Corporation Tax - 18 October 2022 - 15 bookings + 11 potential bookings - To decide at the end of July if should go ahead or cancel. Critical Legal Issues for the accountant – 15 November 2022 – 10 booked + 3 potential bookings - The speaker could no longer make this date for personal reasons, Linda to pencil LC in an alternative date with the speaker but decide at the end of July if should go ahead or cancel.

Chris again thanked the committee for their support and declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm