



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 20th September 2023

Held Online by means of a Zoom meeting at 6:00pm

Apologies: Merion Hughes, Bryan Cook, Tanja Cook, Antonio Rasura.

Present: Roland Brown, David Pope, Simon Hasler, Paul Whatton, Mark Trompeteler, Nigel Hamley, Sonja Woellner, Jim Slater, Kelvin Pike, Julian Pinn, Peter Samengo-Turner, Hoosain Mia Ebrahim, Peter Worsley, John Locke, Peter Wilson, John Myall, Mark Lipniacki, Graham Hartstone.

Proxy Voting Forms Received:

Andre Mort, John Higgins, David Hilton, John Stehly, Elliott Hasler, Corey Seeger, Neil Kempt, Father Anthony Edwards, Bryan Cook, Tanja Cook, Arthur Cain.

1. Acting President's Welcome:

David Pope, Acting President, welcomed everyone to the online meeting. He outlined what the Development Team had been working on this past year, and what had been achieved. A summary had been issued with the AGM documents.

Much of the year's work had been concerned with completion and rationalisation of the Members Database, something which the previous President, Nigel Hamley, had spent considerable time on. He gave The Society's thanks to Nigel Hamley for his work and commitment to The Society during his preceding two year tenure. David also outlined the extent to which the Development Team had considerably reduced the Society's outgoings, safeguarded and re-organised physical assets, re-established The Society's presence at Pinewood, and commissioned and completed a new website.

David highlighted the important need for some more members to join in the work of the re-development of The Society, either as Directors, members of The Advisory Council or members of the more operational "hands on" Development Group (a sub-committee/working group of the Advisory Council). If any members felt able to commit some time in assisting in the re-development of The Society, then he would appreciate hearing from them after the meeting.

2. Apologies: given as above.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM 20th September 2022:

These were adopted by all present as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the previous AGM, after this having been proposed by John Locke, and seconded by Simon Hasler. They were adopted without any objection or query from anyone present.

4. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

5. Approval of 2022 Accounts:

Following a short summary by the Society Treasurer, Simon Hasler, the adoption of the accounts was proposed by Simon Hasler, and seconded by John Locke, and carried by a vote of a sizable majority of the meeting, by a show of hands.

6. Re - Appointment of Accountants LB Group Ltd:

David Pope commented on how pleased he was working with the accountants and how good he thought their work for The Society had been, and continues to be the case.

The appointment of the accountants LB Group Ltd. to continue to be The Society accountants was proposed by Simon Hasler, and seconded by Roland Brown.

7. Any Other Notified Business / Questions

John Higgins had sent in a question to be raised at the meeting: -
When will in person events/ meetings re-start again?

The Acting President David Pope referred to the event that took place at Bournemouth University in May, and is soon to be available as a recorded event to be able to be viewed online. He also informed the meeting of a couple of events that are being planned to take place in the not too distant future.

Graham Hartstone commented to the meeting that it might be an idea to make contact with other guilds and technician bodies such as The Editors Guild, and AMPS, to see if IMIS and them can collaborate on some joint events.

Julian Pinn contributed to the meeting his opinion that he thought BKSTS as a brand had still a considerable currency within the industry and that the strap line "powered by BKSTS" should continue to be used under all the references to IMIS on the website, and all subsequent communications, literature and material etc.

Former President Roland Brown proposed a Vote of Thanks on behalf of himself and the membership to the small Development Team of David Pope, Paul Whatton, Simon Hasler, Mark Trompeteler and the others that they were working with, for their hard work in attempting to turn around The Society and its finances, and how pleased he was, and members would be, that this was happening.

Simon Hasler, re-iterated David Pope's earlier point of the important need for some more members to join in the work of the re-development of The Society, either as Directors, members of The Advisory Council or members of the more operational "hands on" Development Group (a sub-committee/working group of the Advisory Council). If any members felt able to commit some time in assisting in the re-development of The Society, then he re-iterated that David Pope would appreciate hearing from them after the meeting.

8. The Meeting Closed at 6:35pm