



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 28th August 2025

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

Apologies:

Michael Witt
Mark Trompeteller
Thomas Hauslev
Meirion Hughes
Bryan Cook
Tanya Cook
Peter Worsley
John Locke
Isabel Forrest
Muriel Tinel-Temple

Present:

Paul Whatton, David Pope, Simon Hasler, Philip Dolling, Fred Fullerton, Nigel Wolland, Roland Brown, Nigel Hamley, Hoosain Mia Ebrahiam, Sonja Woellner, Mark Bond, Tomasz Wittowski, Kelvin Pike, Peter Wilson

Proxy Voting Forms Received:

Thomas Haverslev
Meirion Hughes
Charis Coke
Michael Witt
John Locke
Bryan Cook
Tanja Cook
Corey Seeger
Muriel Tinel-Temple

1. President's Welcome & Opening Statement:

The 94th Annual General Meeting of IMIS began with President David Pope welcoming participants and introducing board members, including Simon Hasler and Paul Watton. Despite some members being on holiday, attendance was strong, aided by proxy votes. David noted the meeting's timing adjustment to align with account submission deadlines.

The President provided a summary of the society's activities over the past year, emphasizing the restart of the accreditation business and successful events, such as a visit to the BBC Earth experience and a virtual event featuring industry interviews. A partnership with Chalk and Chili has improved event management, leading to increased membership applications and a highly successful Student Showcase event in May of this year. Additionally, a strategic partnership with the Soho Media Club has provided valuable networking opportunities for student members.

David concluded the President's statement by thanking Mark Trompeteller for his continued support in heading up the Society's Development Group and organising the regular meetings needed to focus the group in achieving the objectives we set out for the year.

2. Apologies: given as above.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM 20th September 2024:

These were adopted by a full majority of show of hands as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the previous AGM, after this having been proposed by Simon Halser, and seconded by Nigel Hamley. They were adopted without any objection or query from anyone present.

4. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

5. Approval of 2024 Accounts:

Treasurer Simon Hasler reported that the income for 2024 was significantly higher than in 2023, increasing from approximately £4,500 to over £12,500, while expenses decreased from over £42,500 to just over £23,000. This led to a reduction in the net deficit from £36,500 to just over £10,000. The financial improvements are anticipated to facilitate further growth, particularly through university accreditation and attracting young student members. Simon initiated the approval process for the 2024 accounts, which was seconded and passed without opposition.

6. Re - Appointment of Accountants LB Group Ltd (now called Affinia)

The reappointment of the accountants, now known as Affinia, was approved by the members by full majority without objection.

7. Any Other Pre-Notified Business / Questions

Roland Brown (longest serving past President) expressed his delight at the society's revitalization and emphasized the need to attract younger members to adapt to changes in the media industry. Paul Whatton thanked Roland saying none of what we have achieved so far would have been possible without the work he did in the past.

8. The Meeting Closed at 6:27pm