



Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 13 July 2023 at 18:30 on Zoom

The 2023 meeting was opened by the Chair Edwin Pitt Mansfield.

1) Apologies were received from 15 members.

There were 33 members present

2) Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 22 July 2022 had been circulated and were approved by the meeting. Proposed by Alison Sutton, seconded by Adrienne Hale. All agreed.

3) There were no matters arising

4) Chair's report

This was given verbally (copy on file).

Secretary's report

This was given verbally (copy on file).

5) Report and presentation of the annual report and accounts

The accountant, Stephanie Blake, took the meeting through the accounts and her clear presentation led to there being no questions.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting, proposed by Pamela Hay, seconded Nicola-Jane Kemp. All agreed.

It was proposed to re-appoint Caladine Ltd as independent examiner for the next year. Proposed by Joy Naylor, seconded by Adrienne Hale. All agreed.

6) Election of new Councillors

Elections for four Councillors were held. There was only one nomination for the roles of **South West Area Representative** (Jenna Brown), **Editor** (Louisa Morgan) and **Conference Director** (Carrie Birmingham). Voting was carried out by anonymous Zoom polls and all candidates received an overwhelming majority of votes to accept them for their respective roles.

There were two nominations for **North Area Representative**, Catherine Kimmance and Julie Thompson. As neither candidate was able to attend the meeting, Jan Spooner Swabey read out a brief statement from Catherine Kimmance, and EPM played a video statement from Julie Thompson.

Following another anonymous vote, Julie Thompson was elected to the role of North Area Representative.

That concluded the elections and Jan Spooner Swabey will be contacting the new councillors in due course.

7) Any Other Business

- The Secretary reported that three longstanding AOTOS members had been offered Emeritus membership in their retirement – Carol Bishop, Vivien Pike and Andrea Calladine. All three accepted with gratitude.

There was no other business, but Edwin Pitt Mansfield reminded members that the Autumn Conference was coming up on 29th October and said that booking would be open shortly and a date for the 2024 AGM would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 19:11.