

ACGS Special General Meeting Minutes



21st September 2015
Austin Court Birmingham
12.50pm

Executive committee members present: David Cockburn (DC), Treasurer
Hazel Dinning (HD), Communications Subcommittee
Dom McMullan (DM), Scientific Subcommittee
Sandi Deans (SD), Quality Subcommittee

Apologies: Ann Dalton (AD) Chair
Simon McCullough (SM) Secretary

The meeting was chaired by David Cockburn in the absence of Ann Dalton and the minutes were taken by Hazel Dinning in the absence of Simon McCullough. 46 members were in attendance making a quorum of 50 including the members of the executive committee.

1) Constitution amendment

This meeting has been convened to vote on an amendment to the constitution tabled by the Treasurer.

Background

The proposed change to the constitution is supported by the ACGS Executive, and was initially suggested by our auditor. An 'independent examination' of the accounts is less in-depth than a full audit, but is more in keeping with a charity of our size, is sufficient to satisfy the Charity Commission, and will be substantially less expensive to perform (around £2750 less). The change in wording would not preclude a full audit, should the ACGS choose this in any year.

The change in wording is as follows:

Section 29, paragraph 3 from

3. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually and a report made by the Treasurer to the annual general meeting.

to

3. The accounts of the Association shall be independently examined annually and a report made by the Treasurer to the annual general meeting.

All 50 members present were in favour of the amendment, there were no votes against and no abstentions. 16 postal votes in favour of the amendment were also received prior to the meeting.

The members were thanked for their help with this matter.

2) Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 1pm