



Annual General Meeting: Minutes

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Date: September 8th 2017, 11:45

Venue: Polish Millennium House, Bordesley Street, Birmingham, B5 5PH

Members Present: Peter Baron, Eleanor Bridgwood-Hill, Cherrelle Dowdie, Zbigniew Gas, Graeme Hunter, Andreea Iancu, Jane Martin, Hecham Muhra, Milan Panacek, Magdaléna Patemanova, Annie Rigler, Michael Wells.

Meeting Chair: Peter Baron

1. Apologies for absence

None received.

2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The minutes of the CIOL Midlands Network AGM held on 9th September 2018 were distributed in paper form at the present AGM and they are available on the CIOL website. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Proposed: Jane Martin
Seconded: Peter Baron
Objections: None

3. Chairman's report

Jane Martin outlined a successful year for the network, in which we grew in numbers and expanded further the range of events organised, which included:

- Greek play (Coventry, January 2018),
- Swiss film (Birmingham, April, 2018)
- Country walk and pub lunch (Worcestershire, June 2018)

Upcoming events include a tour of the BBC in Birmingham (November) and the network's Christmas Party (TBA).

Jane stressed that the committee values input from network members, and indicated some of the forms this input might take, from suggesting or organising an event to joining the committee.

Zbigniew Gas suggested that it would be useful to have a way of identifying people from the network when we meet in a public place, as he had not been able to find the other members when attending the film in April. Eleanor Bridgwood-Hill apologised for this problem, which the committee had also noticed around the same time. We have since been given a sign bearing the name of the network to place on the table in such situations.

4. Treasurer's Report

Graeme Hunter presented the Midlands Network accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018. The accounts were unanimously accepted.

Proposed: Eleanor Bridgwood-Hill

Seconded: Jane Martin
Objections: None

Graeme also drew members' attention to the £500 budget made available to the network by the CIOL and welcomed suggestions for events or speakers that might require budget funding.

5. Election of Officers

The results of the elections were as follows:

Position	Officer	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Jane Martin	Graeme Hunter	Peter Baron
Treasurer	Graeme Hunter	Jane Martin	Magdalena Patemanova
Secretary	Eleanor Bridgwood-Hill	Peter Baron	Graeme Hunter
Events Co-Ordinator	Peter Baron	Eleanor Bridgwood-Hill	Magdalena Patemanova
Member	Hecham Muhra	Peter Baron	Eleanor Bridgwood-Hill

6. Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed at 11:54.