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## DI GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025 MINUTES

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**Date/Venue:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025: Online - ZOOM® webinar

**Called to order:** 10.30 hrs.

**Attendance:** 150 members participants. Up to 126 members actively participated in polls.

### **Welcome**

Chair, Janet Haines, welcomed participants to the meeting and outlined the programme for day. The 2024 minutes, Chair and Financial Reports had been available as downloads from the DI web pages.

### **Apologies for absence**

Dennis Knowles

### **1. Adoption of 2024 AGM minutes**

*Proposed: Alison Cawley Seconded: Madelaine Lenagh*

<b>Acceptance of 2024 AGM Minutes</b>	
For	90
Against	0
Abstain	7

**2024 AGM minutes adopted by majority vote.**

### **2. Matters arising**

None

### **3. Chair's Report**

The report was delivered by Janet Haines. Janet summarised key events from the year 2024 and shared highlights from the pre-circulated annual report, which included headline figures from the financial report prepared by the DI Treasurer. Both reports were made available prior to the meeting.

Vote to adopt the Chair's Annual Report:

*Proposed: Viveca Koh ; Seconded: Dave Morby*

<b>Acceptance of Chair's Report</b>	
For	116
Against	0
Abstain	3

**Annual Report adopted by majority vote.**

### **4. Financial Report**

The Treasurer reported that RPS' technology issues that had previously caused some issues with reporting the accurate balance sheet have now been resolved and unaccounted for income from 2022 has been added to the DI accounts. The final total is a balance of £50,159.32

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Vote to adopt the Treasurer's Annual Report:  
*Proposed: Lois Wakeman; Seconded: Brian Connolly*

<b>Acceptance of Treasurer's Report</b>	
For	111
Against	0
Abstain	2

**Treasurer's Report adopted by majority vote.**

Member Questions. The key point made was that members felt the levy was unjustified given their main RPS subscriptions should pay for systems and staff and not come out of DI subscriptions. They wished to know what deal had been extracted from the CEO for improvements if we are paying the levy. The Chair advised that SLAs are being written and agreed with the CEO but this is moving very slowly.

**5. Elections**

The Chair advised the members of the requirements of the new Terms of Reference (TOR) that all SIGs and Regions now have to work to. These replace any Constitutions that had previously existed. They define the key roles of the committee. The following elections were in line with the TORs.

**Election of Officers**

- Chair: Janet Haines
- Hon. Secretary: Denise Bowden
- Hon. Treasurer: Trevor Pogson

<b>Acceptance of Elected Officers</b>	
For	122
Against	0
Abstain	2

*Proposed: Marie-Ange Bouchard ; Seconded: Sue Vaines*

**Officers elected by majority vote.**

**Election of named Committee under TOR rules**

- Rex Waygood (Events Officer)
- Melanie Chalk (Education officer)
- Robin Price (Competitions Officer)
- Lois Wakeman (Communications officer)

*Proposed: Pamela Sterling ; Seconded: Valerie Williams*

<b>Acceptance of Committee</b>	
For	125
Against	0
Abstain	1

**Committee elected by majority vote.**

### **Election to the RPS Members Committee**

Janet Haines agreed to stand as the elected member representing the DI Group on the RPS Members Committee. She was unopposed and duly elected by majority.

<b>Acceptance of MemCom Nomination</b>	
For	126
Against	0
Abstain	1

*Proposed: Marie-Ange Bouchard ; Seconded: Carol Wiles*

**Janet Haines elected by majority vote.**

### **6. Change to DI Subscription for 2026**

The Chair outlined the process for changing the subscription and the requirement to submit new rates to HQ at the end of September. It was proposed that the committee be given the power to set the 2026 membership subscription rates dependent on financial circumstance as prevailing in September 2025.

Vote to empower the DI committee to set the 2026 subscription fee:

*Proposed: Eric Begbie ; Seconded: Chas Hockin*

<b>Acceptance of Change to DI Subscription</b>	
For	122
Against	4
Abstain	2

**Proposal accepted to change DI subscriptions for 2024.**

### **7. Chair's Vision for 2025**

Continuation of our core deliverables. The LRPS Support Group we would hope to see a 20% success rate in 2025. New 2025 projects for new ideas and continuation of the Books & Zines.

### **8. Any other business**

None

### **9. Date of next AGM - 22 February 2026**

Main AGM business was completed at 11.35 hrs. Recording stopped.

President Simon Hill HonFRPS made a short presentation to the members.

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Minutes prepared by: Janet Haines  
Date: 5 March 2025

A copy of the recording is available on YouTube: [AGM Business Session](#).

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