

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 15th January 2019

The London Region Annual General Meeting was held at The Hive, 1 Melior Place, London SE1 3SZ on 15th January 2019 at 7.00pm. There were 42 members present.

2018 Report

Regional Organiser, Judy Hicks, opened the meeting.

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were summarised and approved by those present, with no votes against.

Judy Hicks delivered the Regional Organiser's Report and the Treasurer's Report, in the absence of Neil Cordell. Both of these reports can be found on the website [here](#).

Regarding the Treasurer's Report, it was noted that the Region has a healthy cash balance at present. Funding from HQ is received on a per capita basis and as membership numbers are similar, this year's funding is likely to be similar to the £1,911 received last year. It was noted that the Region incurs costs in funding IT & website for its special projects: Judy Hicks confirmed that a request had been made for HQ to house these materials centrally. [Post meeting note: to be followed up]. Payments totalling nearly £3,000 were made in 2018, which related to the prior year.

Both Reports were adopted.

Elections

As someone not standing for election at this time, Peter Highton was co-opted to lead the election process for Regional Organiser/s.

Election of Regional Organiser/s. Judy Hicks confirmed that she was prepared to stand for one more year as Regional Organiser but by the end of 2019 she will have been in the role for three and a half years and feels that a constant injection of new energy and ideas is needed. Her husband David had been doing a great deal of work in support and it was suggested that they could stand as Co-Regional Organisers for this year. Next year, Judy will stand down and someone else will team with David as Co-Regional Organiser. Judy was nominated by Mo Greig and David by Adrian McCarthy; both were seconded by Jennette Russell. All were in favour: none against.

Treasurer. Neil Cordell is standing down from the role of Treasurer due to a change in his personal circumstances. (He is now living and working in South Wales). Mo

Greig had previously agreed to stand for the role of Treasurer. Nominated by Judy Hicks, seconded by Jennette Russell, all were in favour: none against.

Deputy Regional Organiser and Distinctions Co-ordinator. Lorraine Grey was not at the meeting but had previously advised that, after four years in post, she wished to stand down from both roles, continuing as Distinctions Co-ordinator until the end of February.

A Deputy Regional Organiser or Organisers is needed. This needs to be someone who will be prepared to step up to being Co-Regional Organiser next year. Norman Smith volunteered to be Co-Deputy RO but said that he was not interested in becoming Co-Regional Organiser in the future. He was nominated as Co-Deputy Regional Organiser by David Hicks and seconded by Jonathan Taylor. Nearly all were in favour: no votes against.

Over the next few months, Judy & David will try to identify one or two people who will be able to take the Region forward, being co-opted as Co-Deputy Regional Organiser/s in the first place, moving on to being Co-Regional Organisers (or Regional Organiser) in subsequent years.

Any Other Business

David Hicks proposed a vote of thanks to Lorraine Grey and to Neil Cordell for all the hard work and energy they have brought to the Region over the past years. This was warmly endorsed by the members present.

David Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to Judy and the members of the Region's Volunteer Team for all their hard work. This was also warmly endorsed by the members present.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

JAH/h