

HALCROW PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting

Held online between 21 April and 2 May 2018

Present:

Malcolm Bennett
John Ratsey
Jane Tordoff
Jon Bateman
Phil Johnson
Brian Finney

Honorary Treasurer/Membership Secretary
Web Master
Honorary Secretary
Committee Member
Committee Member
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Members

Philip Alexander
Stephen Brichieri-Colombi
Eric Cooper
Rob Deakin
John Debenham
John Deighton
Ken Falls
Heather Foster
Tony Foster
Tony Green
Rod Hacker
Martin Harrison
Chris Hoggart

Tony Hoyle
Tony Key
Tim Kingham
David Mullins
Donna Munro
Jerry Neville
Ian Rose
Meelit Shah
Andrew Scarth
Neil Smart
Tim Smith
John Sreeves
David Wilkins

32 members took part in the meeting, well in excess of the 20 members required to form a quorum at AGMs.

APOLOGIES

Howard Smith

1. MINUTES OF AGM HELD FROM 20 APRIL TO 3 May 2017

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted.

3 ANNUAL REPORT

JR submitted the Annual Report of the Committee for the Period to 20 April 2017.
(full text available at [here](#))

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The HPA's membership year is from 1st January to 31st December. As agreed in the 2017 AGM, the annual HPA membership subscription remained £10 per year.

Malcolm Bennett, Jane Tordoff and Jon Bateman continued as HPA bank account signatories. In the event, Malcolm and Jane were signatories on the three cheques signed during the year. Arrangements

are in hand to add John Ratsey and Phil Johnson as signatories, and to simplify the HSBC bank mandate.

305 former HPS members have joined HPA since it was established in 2012. Of these, we have lost contact with 6 members, 17 members have resigned and 3 members have died.

Recruitment and paid membership peaked in 2016, influenced by concerns at possible changes to pensions. Resignation following the introduction of HPS2 and some members opting to move to PPF, resulted to a drop in paid membership numbers that were 174 on 17 April just above 2015 and 2017 levels.

The majority of subscription payments are by direct bank transfer. PayPal is the next popular method, and two cheques were received. Direct bank transfers are preferable as PayPal payments incur administrative charges. Cheques involve a disproportionate amount of administrative time but best suit a few members.

A summary of HPA's accounts for the fiscal year ending 4th April 2018 is tabulated below:

| Description | Amount - £ | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| | 5 April 2017 | 4 April 2018 | Total |
| Brought forward | 3,588.40 | | |
| Subscriptions from members | | | |
| - Bank transfers | | 1,495.00 | |
| - Paypal payments | | 402.00 | |
| - Members donations in 2017-18 | | 9,605.00 | |
| Total payments | | 11,502.00 | |
| Expenses | | | |
| - Walker Solicitors | | 10,290.00 | |
| - OPA Subscription | | 40.00 | |
| - IT costs | | 59.84 | |
| - Confirmation Statement | | - | |
| Total Expenses | | 10,389.84 | |
| Balance at 4 April 2018 | | | £4,700.56 |

85 members donated a total of £10,063; £355 being redeemed from pledges last year and further £9,708 this year. 5 members failed to honour pledges valued at £300. The sum raised plus £227 from HPA reserves was used to pay the invoiced cost (£10,290) for the services of Solicitor Ivan Walker and Nicholas Rendell, QC.

The full Treasurer's Report can be found [here](#)

5 MOTIONS TO PUT TO THE AGM

| Proposal/ Question | For | Against | Abstain | Total Votes |
|---|-----|---------|---------|-------------|
| That the committee shall review the constitution to reduce the quorum for meetings | 23 | | | 23 |
| That Stephen Brichieri-Colombi and Edward Evans are thanked for their efforts for HPA | 24 | | 1 | 25 |
| That the Committee's and Treasurer's Reports are Accepted | 24 | | | 24 |
| That the committee is thanked for its work during the past year | 26 | | | 26 |
| That the Constitution is updated to Ensure Appropriate HPA Membership Eligibility | 24 | | | 24 |
| That HPA will continue its membership of the Occupational Pensioners Alliance | 24 | | 1 | 25 |
| That the annual subscription to HPA remains at £10 | 24 | | | 24 |

6 AGM DISCUSSIONS

A full record of the discussions on a variety of issues during the meeting are available on the Halcrow Pensioners Forum.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following HPA members had indicated their willingness to stand again for re-election and had all been proposed. In addition, Chris Hoggart joined the committee and Stephen Brichieri-Colombi, confirmed that he would like to remain on the committee. The Committee for 2018 is as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Malcolm Bennett | Treasurer/Membership Secretary |
| Jane Tordoff | Secretary |
| John Ratsey | Web Master |
| Jon Bateman | Committee Member |
| Brian Finney | Committee Member |
| Phil Johnson | Committee Member |
| Stephen Brichieri- Colombi | Committee Member |
| Chris Hoggart | Committee Member |

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No issues were raised under this heading.

John Ratsey thanked everyone who attended the AGM.