

Annual General Meeting

MINUTES



Date: **Thursday, 24 October 2024** Time: **7.30pm**

At: **Beckley Village Hall, Woodperry Road, Beckley, Oxford, OX3 9UZ**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks - Chair, Dr Anne Gwinnett

2. Chairperson's Annual Report - Chair, Dr Anne Gwinnett

Presentation of key activities and achievements over the past year (see Annual Report and slides)

3. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Dr Anthony Cheke

Presentation of the financial statement for the year (see report)

Discussion of the current financial position

4. Election of Executive Committee Members - Exec member, Peter George

There were three vacancies on the Executive Committee, and three nominations had been received. There was therefore no need for a secret ballot.

Based on their knowledge and experience, the Executive Committee considered that the three nominees all have the skills and expertise needed to be an effective member of the Executive.

Candidates were introduced and each said a few words. (see nominee statements)

The meeting unanimously approved the three Executive appointments:

David Henwood, Sal Naqvi, Ian Yeatman

5. Strategic Priorities for the Upcoming Year - Chair, Dr Anne Gwinnett

Presentation / Discussion of proposed party policies and strategic goals for 2025

6. Open Floor for Member Questions and Proposals

Members raised questions and shared proposals for consideration, which were discussed.

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

The meeting unanimously agreed to consider a matter of important business which had arisen since notice of the AGM was given.

The meeting unanimously agreed to change 4.2 (b) of the IOA Constitution to read:

(b) Initial membership shall run for one year from the date of joining.

8. The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Followed by informal updates from IOA councillors and the Chair, and refreshments.