

DRAFT Minutes of the English UK 2024 Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 17 May 2024, from 12:26 – 13:01 at the Leonardo Royal Hotel London City, London, EC3N 2BQ (and online via Zoom)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. Adopt the standing orders for meetings

This was agreed.

3. Approve the Minutes of the 2023 English UK AGM held on Friday 12 May 2023

The minutes had been circulated, and no comments were received. The minutes were approved.

4. Resolution one: To adopt the English UK Ltd Trustees' report and financial statements for 2023 (proposed by the Board of Trustees)

Jodie Gray (JG) said all the accounts were in the pack received by members. English UK had a £19.6k surplus and increased expenditures as activity increased. Events and training were now performing financially as they had before the pandemic, and there were additional income streams, including renting part of the English UK office to UKinbound. Overall, costs had increased in line with inflation due to increased activity. Free reserves were now meeting the Finance Panel stipulation of three months' operational costs.

There were no comments. The report and financial statements were adopted.

5. Resolution two: To adopt the English UK Enterprises Ltd Directors' report and financial statements for 2023 (proposed by the Board of Trustees)

JG explained that this is the company that looks after StudyWorld activities. It ended the year with a £31k profit as a result of the satisfactory performance of the events in London and China. The China Roadshow, run for the first time since the pandemic, sold out. As a result of the positive performance the full management payment was made to the Ltd charity and a small profit was kept in Enterprises to balance some of the cumulative losses of recent years. The auditors were happy with the way the finances were run.

JG wanted the work of finance manager Nuria Felip Puignou and the Finance Panel to be recognised.

The accounts were adopted.

6. Resolution three: To re-appoint the auditors, Buzzacott LLP (proposed by the Board of Trustees)

JG said English UK had worked with Buzzacott for many years, and there was a smooth relationship that allowed advice to be sought between audits. The recommendation of the executive team and the board was to reappoint.

The motion was passed.

7. 2023 report from the English UK Ombudsman

Mike Wills, the English UK Ombudsman, discussed the cases he had considered.

8. Results of the 2024 election for the Board of Trustees

Mark Rendell (MR) said trustees had ultimate responsibility for the association and scrutinised the performance of the executive team without remuneration and their valuable contribution of expertise and time was appreciated. He thanked those who had served but were not continuing on the board.

He said there were ten elected and up to two co-opted places, with terms of office running for three years. The association wanted the boards to represent the diversity of people working within the industry and with that in mind the RIDEA could propose up to two additional directors to broaden representation.

The successful candidates were Shoko Doherty, Justin Quinn, Fiona Dunlop and James Herbertson with Victoria Paterson appointed by RIDEA, which thought it important to have a state sector representative. As a result, all nations were represented on the board.

MR said the new rules meant the current vice-chair automatically became chair and congratulated Shoko Doherty, the current vice-chair.

9. Special resolution one: To appoint Nigel Paramor as an honorary member

MR said the board of trustees would like to appoint Nigel as an honorary member of English UK and called for a seconder.

Andrew Hjort seconded, outlining Nigel's almost 40-year career in the UK and abroad, concluding with 16 years as school principal. Nigel had devoted a lot of time to English UK working groups, founded English UK North, and was enjoying

a new part-time career as an Accreditation UK inspector and working on his fourth music album.

The special resolution was approved.

10. Any other appropriate business

JG said that as Shoko became chair of English UK Mark's term was coming to an end. She said it had been a real pleasure working with him and thanked him for his support. MR said it had been wonderful to serve as chair.

11. Date of next meeting.

This would be announced as soon as possible but would be at roughly the same time in May 2025.

The meeting ended at 13:01

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