

Minutes of the gain Annual General Meeting
Held on 20 June 2015 at Eagle Wood,
Bretton Way, Peterborough PE3 8DE



1. Chairman's Welcome

The Vice Chair, Chris Fuller, welcomed everyone to the gain Annual General Meeting and confirmed that the meeting was quorate in accordance with the gain Constitution. Chris Fuller was chairing the meeting as the Chair, James Babington Smith, was unable to do so due to ill health.

2. Update of the Charity and plans for the future

The Director of gain, Caroline Morrice, read out the Chairs report. Two questions were raised by the floor – one regarding new research and the other regarding the Personal Grant Fund. It was confirmed that there had been no new research being undertaken by gain during 2014-15, however applications for a one year post graduate project for 2015-16 had been received and were being reviewed. Information on the Personal Grant Fund Committee and the criteria for allocating the grants was given.

3. Apologies for absence

The following apologies were given:

Joy Vamplew	Stan Clark
Michael Goulding	Richard Hughes
Andy Leitch	Ian MacFadyen
Hugh Evans	J Wilson
Sandra Dickson	Tony Roberts
D Watkinson	I V Monk
Glennys and Howard Sanders	Ilse J Eton
Terry Gale	Jennifer Latham
Sarah Harmer	Mary Fulmer
Karen Hamilton	Jacqui Cooper

4. Receipt and adoption of the Examined Accounts for 2014 – 2015

The Treasurer, David Wada, gave an overview of the years account and confirmed that they had been signed off. A number of questions seeking clarification of the accounts were raised by the floor and answered by the Treasurer.

The result of the vote to receive and adopt the Examined Accounts was:-

- For - 215
- Against - 3
- Abstentions - 3
- Spoilt paper - 1.

5. Receipt and adoption of the Trustees' Annual Report for 2014 – 2015

There were no questions from the floor. The result of the vote to receive and adopt the Annual Report was:-

- For - 219
- Against - 2
- Abstention - 1
- Spoilt paper - 1.

6. Election of Trustees

The Chair confirmed that both Russell B Hamilton and William Harmer were seeking re-election to the Board of Trustees and Barbara Bradley was seeking election to the Board of Trustees.

The result of the vote:-

- All three were voted on to the Board of Trustees.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

The result of the vote to reappoint Graham Cohen and Co Ltd as Independent Examiner was:

- For - 210
- Against - 2
- Abstentions - 8
- Spoilt paper - 1.

8. Consideration of amendment to Membership fees

The Director explained why it was necessary to consider amending the current Membership fees. Questions were raised by the floor and answered by members of the Board.

The result of the vote was:-

- For - 141
- Against - 53
- Abstentions - 25.

9. Consideration of change to the Constitution

The Director explained that this was a request to undertake a piece of work looking into a change to the Constitution in the future, not immediately. Several requests were made asking for regular updates on the work if the motion was passed. It was agreed that communication on the work as it progressed was crucial. Some members volunteered to help with the work.

The result of the vote was:-

- For - 192
- Against - 8
- Abstentions - 21
- Spoilt paper - 1.

The Chair gave a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his hard work.

The AGM formally ended at this point.

A member of the Lancashire and Cumbria Branch then asked the Trustees to consider a change to a Bye Law, requesting that branch funds held in the gain account are used to purchase flowers and pay for fares to Branch meetings. Following a debate the Trustees agreed to discuss the request and make a decision at its next Board meeting.