



engage in their future
Annual General Meeting
10am, Friday 25th September 2020
(via Zoom)

MINUTES

Minutes from the last AGM (July 2019)

- Minutes from the 2019 AGM were available prior to the AGM on the *engage in their future* website.
- No comments or queries were raised.

Matters Arising

- Notice of the AGM was provided in line with requirements stipulated in the Articles of Association but no requests for the access details were received. It was queried if this invalidated the meeting and decisions made during it, and whether the meeting should be adjourned.
 - It was confirmed that a quorum was not present (of 13 attendees, 6 had voting rights).
 - Felt that given the extraordinary circumstances and pressures on schools, re-arranging the meeting would not necessarily lead to increased attendance.
 - The Articles of Association allow for the meeting to be reconvened (with seven clear days notice) and if no quorum is present within fifteen minutes of the time specified for the start of the meeting, the members present at that time shall constitute the quorum for that meeting.
 - Felt that this was not sufficiently transparent and that it did not necessarily provide an appropriate opportunity to update members or for them to input into any decisions. Therefore suggested that the meeting continue, that the minutes be shared and that members have one month to subsequently contribute their support / objection to any proposed decisions.

Announcement of Committee Members

- National Committee –
 - Co-Chairs - Sue Ackroyd and Richard Berry.
 - Treasurer - Tania Craig.
 - Secretary - Melissa Marris.
 - Regional Representatives - Sue Ackroyd (North East), Harry Anderson (South East), Richard Berry (South West), Kirsty Robinson (South), Pete Smith (North West), Neil Toplass (Midlands).
 - Co-Opted Members – Sharon Gray, Jon Lees.
- Advisory Committee - Bernard Allen, Richard Boyle, John d'Abbro, Brendan Heneghan, Antonio Munoz-Bailey, Lynn Richards.
- Trustees - Larry Bartel, Steve Clifflen, Brendan Heneghan.

Chairs Report

- Please refer to attached report.

Treasurers Report

- Please refer to attached presentation.

Regional Updates

- North West: The northwest area has yet to meet since the last National Meeting. Updates and links continue to be shared with the group.
- South: last met in autumn term 2019 but since then focus has been on support and connection.
- South East: number of local schools visited and football tournament well received.

Any Other Business

- Proposal for changes to membership shared prior to the AGM on the *engage in their future* website.
 - Clarification sought around whether all full member schools (regardless of SEMH, main stream etc) would have voting rights. Confirmed that they would.
 - Asked if all full member schools would have equal participation in student events and schemes. Confirmed that all students at SEMH schools would be able to participate in the National Creative Awards and football tournament and would be eligible for nomination in the National Awards (T&C's of each one would be amended to reflect this). Students at full member main stream schools would have to have an EHCP to be eligible to participate / be nominated. Acknowledged that this would be subject to the honesty of the schools and would not be policed or checked by *engage in their future*.
 - No objections raised or amends requested to the proposal. Proposal passed (subject to review and input from members as outlined above).
- The Advisory Committee was established as a pilot - how has this gone?
 - A little difficult to really judge given recent circumstances, but in general the National Committee and organisation in general has benefitted from the establishment of the group and the contribution and support of its members.
 - Agreed to continue in current format but acknowledged that it would be appropriate to revisit at the 2021 AGM with members present.
 - Essentially the remit of the Advisory Committee has -
 - To provide help and support to *engage in their future* at the request of, predominantly though not exclusively, the National Committee.
 - Members of the Advisory Committee are expected to refer to the National Committee any issues that the organisation should be aware of, focus on, or respond to.
 - Represent the organisation at other associations, meetings etc as requested by the National Committee.
- Thanks were extended to the National Committee and wider membership by the Co-Chairs for their ongoing support.
- Appreciation was shown to the Co-Chairs for their leadership, especially during such unprecedented times.

AGM closed at 11.33am.