



SMP 2023 AGM

Saturday, 11 November 2023

Advanced Research Centre – University of Glasgow

Minutes

Summary:

133 SMP members and key partners joined us for our 2023 AGM, which included special live addresses by Christina McKelvie MSP, Minister for International Development and Hon. Vera Kamtukule MP, Malawi Minister for Tourism, as well as a letter from his Excellency Dr Lazarus Chakwera read by Deputy High Commissioner, Justice Agnes Patemba, and a pre-recorded speech by First Minister, Humza Yousaf MSP and Stella Masangano, CEO of MaSP. To see highlights of the 2023 Annual Gathering visit the past event page here: [SMP Annual Gathering & AGM: Friendship & Global Citizenship | Scotland Malawi Partnership](#)

Heather Cubie, Chair

Apologies:

Lucy Colquhoun, Catriona Connolly, Patrick Grady MP, Kate James, Mick James, Gertrude Kadzuwa, Carrie Manning, Lord McConnell, Douglas Young

1. Approval of minutes:

- a. The Minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved.
 - i. Proposer: Claire Martin, Seconder: Prof Tracy Morse

2. There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

3. The Annual report. The SMP Chair reported that:

- a. The narrative as presented is the Annual Report of the Trustees. It is part of the statutory Annual Accounts document which was shared with members present.
- b. It was noted that a lot had been achieved by small team, great credit to all of staff. Appreciation was also extended to all volunteers who helped in making AGM and Annual Gathering happen.

4. Election of Trustees:

- a. There were 9 vacancies on Board – it was noted that this represents more than 50%
 - i. Douglas Young, Prof Jeremy Bagg, Prof John Briggs, Gift Thomson and Tione Mtalimanja who were all leaving the Board were thanked.
 - ii. Susan Dalgety and Dr Blessings Kachale were happy to undertake another term in office,
 - iii. John Fanning (who was co-opted as a loyal & valuable member of the AFC) was also willing to stand as a full trustee.
- b. New members wishing to join the Board were Prof Edward Duncan, Dr Yonah Matemba, Dr Barry Klaassen, Kevin Simpson and John Wyllie.
- c. Assembled members of the SMP approved their appointments, with no election required
 - i. Proposer: Dr Christine Campbell, Seconder: James Kelly
- d. With 15 members on the Board a 16th member could be co-opted in the coming year.

5. Presentation of annual accounts:

- a. John Fanning, Chair of Audit and Finance Committee presented the 2022-23 Annual Accounts.
 - i. They can be viewed here: [2022-23 SMP Accounts](#)
- b. The accounts were approved by members.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiners:

- a. The members resolved to re-appoint Wylie & Bissett as the Independent Examiners for a further year.