

Humanists UK

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Sunday 27 June 2021, 15.00

at 39A Moreland Street, London, EC1V 8BB

Present: Tamar Ghosh (Chair), Andrew Copson (Chief Executive and Company Secretary), Catriona McLellan (Director of Operations), Andrew West (Director of IT)

Apologies for Absence: Daphne Hardy.

Present by proxy: Chris Adams, Jacqueline Adams, Mark Adams, Mike Adams, Sumon Ahmed, Glenn Albon, Mohsin Ali, Ben Allen, John Allen, John Amps, Adèle Anderson, Martin Archer, Michael Atkinson, Roy Bacon, Mark Bailey, David Ball, Brian Balmain, Paul Barker, Phillip Barker, Steven Barkley, Jeremy Bartle, Alan Bartlett, Geoff Bates, Darren Bean, Lizzie Beare, William Jeremy Belk, Roger Belm, Michael Bendrey, Jon Benjamin, Lily Berrell, Sian Best, Pete Bethell, Richard Beynon, Angela Blake, John Blakey, Rhian Blakey, Simon Bligh, Iain Boyd, R Boyd, Barbara Braithwaite, Terence Bray, Steve Brinkley, Keith Brockie, David Bruck, Terry Bruton, Max Buckmaster, Jeff Bulmer, Peter Burgoine, Pam Burn, David Burningham, Susan Burningham, Charlotte Cade, Mark Caffrey, John Calder, Hugh Caldwell, Neil Camp, Nicholas Cane, Michael Carrington, Jane Carson, Barry Cartman, Zac Cash, John Catt, Roger Cavanagh, Vincent Chainey, Alasdair Chalmers, Bob Churchill, Diana Clark, Jenny Clarke, Vivien Comley, Andrew Cooper, M Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Peter Cornell, Rob Corp, Christine Cowan, Keith Creswell, Glen Crossland, Hanora Crowley, David Cryer, Matthew Cunliffe, Emanuel De Kadt, Pavan Dhaliwal, Gerry Dickinson, Rick Dinnage, Gaynor Doherty, Sarah Doherty, Maggie Donnellan, Paul Douglas, John Dowdle, John Downer, Brian Dowsett, Laura Dresselhaus, Bruce Duncan, Phyllis Dunipace, Peter Edmead, Graeme Edwards, Blaise Egan, Ray Ellis, Nathan Eluma, John Emanuel, Angela Evans-Hill, Phillip Evans, Anita Fair, Juni Farmanfarmaian, Richard Farrar, Richard Firth, Ann Forbes, Linda Foreman, Karen Foster, Ruth Foxman, Vanessa Freeman Gwynn, Richard Frost, Bev Gallacher, James Gallimore, Eric Garland, Bill Geddes, John George, Rob Gillies, Paul Girling, David Goodes, Dave Gordon-Shute, Nick Goulder, Lucas Gracia, A Gregg Smith, Robert Guthrie, William Hall, Sheelagh Handy, Michael Heap, Roy Heaps, Lyn Heigl, Jo Hewitt, Celia Hickson, Wendy Hill, Christopher Hinton, Leonie Hirst, Jane Hobday, Martyn Hodder, Denise Hollingbery, Terence Holmes, Martin Hooper, William Howard, David Howell-Bewsey, Leon Hughes, Paul Hughes, Rob Hughes, Carole Hunt, Barbara Hyde, David Ingram, Mohammed Islam, Robin Jackson, Stewart Jackson, Mel James, Terence Jamieson, Peta Elizabeth Jellis, Elwyn Johnson, Charlie Jones, Mike Jones, Roger Jones, Corinne Jordan-Gough, Joanna Kaliszewska, Peter Kamei, Jadvji Kanji, John Kapp, Ulrich Katte, Ruth Kaufman, Kevin Keehan, Mick Kelly, Roland Kennett, Liam Kernan, Toby Keynes, Gordon King, Paul Kitchener, Hilary Latham, James Latham, Frank Lay, Reginald Le Sueur, Peter Lee, Paul Lethbridge, Elaine Lever, Dorothy Lewis, Tim Leyshon, Michelle Lincoln, Marilyn Lloyd, Paul Luton, Alasdair Macdonald, Ewan Main, David Makin, Shivan Malde, Colin Malone, Kevin Malone, Debbie Maltby, Wendy Maxwell, John McGuire, Charles Merrill, Phillip Middleton, Bill Miller, Clive Miller, Hussain Mohammad Pervaz, Nicola Morrice, Fran Morris,

William Morton, Josie Moynihan, Thomas Muirhead, Oliver Murphy, Shona Murphy, Andy Murray, Jan Murray, Stephen Murray, Karim Nakhla, Nigel Nathan, Juan Antonio Navarro Perez, Christine Newman, Wendy Newsum, Edward Nickell, Eduard Nicodei, Sara Nogara, Mark Nuttall, Keith Eric O Callaghan, Simon O'Connor, Damien O'Looney, Mark O'Halloran, Henry Orton, Nigel Pacey, Alan Palmer, Heather Palmer, Paula Palmer, Phyllis Palmer, June Parish, Barbara Parker, Dinah Parums, Julia Penfold, Richard Penney, Rafael Manuel Pepiol, Keith Pinn, Rose Powell, Lynn Purcell, Tim Purches, John Quartly, Thomas Rae, Brian Rapier, Hannah Ravenswood, Colette Reap, Roger Reason, Charlie Redwood, Doris Richards, Paul Richardson, Michael Rickwood, Janet Ridler, Linda Robards, Jeremy Rodell, Eileen Rodgers, Patricia Rogers, David Romeo, Pieter Rondeboom, Neil Rosen-Webb, Susannah Rosenberg, Francois Rugiero, James Russell, Ken Ryder, RuthAnne Sahin, Nick Sandeman, John Savage, Ann-Veronica Scaramanga, Simon Schöller, Silke Schomann, Clive Scoggins, Adam Scott, Jim Scott, D. A. Sculthorpe, David Secker, Alice Severs, Jeff Shapland, Paula Shaw, Gemma Shearing, Andrew Shepherd, Gurdev Sidhu, Richard Simacek, Tom Simmonds, John David Simnett, Andy Smith, Ken Smith, Peter Smittenaar, Wim Spee, Richard Speirs, Alison Stein, Richard Stein, Diana Stephens, Ross Stevenson, John Stimpson, William Strudwick, Michael Sykes, Helen Tait, Mark Taylor, Rebecca Tee, Nick Tellwright, B Thomas, Christine Thomas, James Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Andrew Tinson, David Tooley, Marco Tranchino, Matthew Treadwell, Carole Tuffin, Moira Tulloch, Laurie Tvedt, Geoff Underwood, Richard Upton, Sam Veck, Rosemary Wagner, Hamza Walayat, Shirley Walker, Sandra Ward, D R Wardell, Asim Warraich, Stephen Watson, Barbara Weed, Richard Wentford, Simon West, Caroline White, Ralph Wilkin, Leslie Williams, Olwen Williams, Elizabeth Willis, Jane Willis, Anthony Keith Wilson, Keith Winkley, Bernard Wiseman, James Wolsey, Janet Wood, Maureen Wood, Royston Woodward, John Woolhouse, Marco Zuppone,

Adoption of Standing Orders: On the proposal of the Chair, the Standing Orders were adopted by the meeting.

Minutes of the AGM of Sunday 21 June 2020: On the proposal of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Matters arising from the previous minutes: There were no matters arising.

Chair and Chief Executive: The Chair and Chief Executive gave reports on the last year, covering governance and management respectively.

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020: John Adams (Treasurer) presented a report on the annual accounts to members via video. The Report and Accounts for 2020 were received with 328 votes in favour and no votes against.

Re-appointment of Auditor: Knox Cropper was re-appointed as auditor to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting where accounts are laid before the members, with 320 votes in favour and 2 against.

Remuneration of Auditor: The trustees were authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditor 317 in favour and 4 against.

Special resolution: The Board proposed the special resolution below, in order to introduce a term limit of eight years for trustees before they have to take a year off the Board and an additional limit of two consecutive elected terms. This was to keep the Board refreshed with new insights and prevent groupthink. The special resolution to amend the Articles of Association was adopted with 308 in favour and 2 against.

To add the following sub articles to Article 25:

25.4 A person elected to the Board for two successive three-year terms may not again be a candidate until the election following the one at which they retired.

To add the following sub article to Article 27:

27.4 A person who has served for eight successive years as a trustee must retire and may not take up office as a trustee again until one year from the date of their retirement.

Elections to the Board of Trustees: Three candidates stood for election to the Board and there were five vacancies. The following candidates (in alphabetical order) were elected:

- Neil McKain, with 286 votes in favour and 12 votes against.
- Sophy Robinson, with 281 votes in favour and 14 votes against.
- Jeremy Rodell, with 289 votes in favour and 11 votes against.

Any other Business: There was none.