

Minutes of the Twenty Second Annual General Meeting

1:10 pm on Friday 5th May 2017
The Roots and Shoots Charity, Walnut Tree Walk
London, SE11 6DN

Present:

Chair	Ned Seabrook
Company Secretary	Bob MacKenzie
Directors (Trustees/Council Members)	David McAra
Members	Roger Niven Melanie Greene Shelagh Doonan Nazreen A Subhan Rowena Davis
Non-Members	
Office Support:	Linda Williams (Administration & Bookkeeping)
Proxy votes received from:	John Tobin Tony Page Barbara Waters Sheila James Julie Allan

The meeting was quorate with 8 members present and 5 proxy votes.

1 Welcome and Apologies

Ned Seabrook, AMED's Chair, opened the meeting by asking everyone to say a few words about their work and where they come from.

Apologies were received from Rob Warwick, David Shepherd and members who returned their proxy form.

2. Approval of Minutes from AGM for year ending 2016

Ned asked if there were any points in the Minutes on which clarification was required. Minor correction to 6.1, AMED was originally known as the 'Association of Teachers of Management'. Roger Niven proposed that the Minutes be approved and this was seconded by Bob MacKenzie. Approved by consensus.

3. Presentation and approval of Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 2016

Ned Seabrook summarised the Annual Accounts for year ending 2016, we have 100 full paying members and made a small deficit of £424. The Trustees now claim expenses for travel to meetings. These Accounts are also available on the website www.amed.org.uk. Bob MacKenzie proposed that the Report and Accounts be approved and this was seconded by Nazreen A Subhan.

3.1 The year-end Accounts were approved by acclamation and were signed by AMED's Chair and Company Secretary following this meeting.

3.2 Chair's Report

Ned read out his Chair's Report, a copy of which has been placed on the AMED website. He focused on the statement '*As an outpost of independence, AMED serves as a forum for people who want to share, learn and experiment, and find support, encouragement, and innovative ways of communicating. As such, we collaborate with like-minded individuals and networks.*'

He thanked Bob MacKenzie and David McAra for their efforts with producing the quarterly journal, *e-O&P*, and linking up with like-minded organisations. Ned also thanked Linda for her great customer service and work on the Accounts over the year.

3.3 As Company Secretary, Bob expressed his appreciation for the work Ned has done regarding AMED finances during the year.

4. Information collaboration between AMED and ISBE (Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship)

Bob explained that following the positive collaboration between AMED and ISBE on two editions of *e-O&P* on the theme of 'Understanding and Promoting Small Business Growth', a proposal was written recommending that we explore other opportunities to work together informally to the mutual benefit of our respective networks.

Taking a closer look at ISBE and AMED initiatives, we have a number of strategic priorities in common, namely:

- working to achieve sustainable growth
- seeking to attract financing, through institutional and individual contributions

- seeking to expand our respective memberships and demonstrate our continued relevance to contemporary society
- working to challenge perceptions of a practitioner/academic divide
- exploring how to add further value to our respective memberships (e.g., increased feedback on conference submissions, greater synergies and sustaining critical mass).

Those in attendance were very excited about these new developments and the opportunity to breathe new life into AMED and work with younger members.

5. Appointment of Independent Accountants

It was agreed that Council review the current arrangements and make the appointment after this meeting. Ned asked members to recommend an accountant who might be willing to examine our accounts. This item will be added to the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

6. Election of new Council Members and re-election of continuing Council Members

6.1 As Company Secretary, Bob took the chair briefly to oversee the annual election of Council Members. No new nominations have been received. Council Members can be co-opted during the year. The existing Council Members David McAra, David Shepherd, Bob MacKenzie and Ned Seabrook offered themselves for re-election. They were re-elected by acclamation. The Council will elect the Chair at the next Council Meeting.

6.2 Ned then took back the chair and said he is happy for any Members to join in on future Council Meetings mainly Skype conference calls or take on a Supporter role. Roger has decided to step down from his 'Supporter' role. We believe Rob Warwick will continue as a Supporter.

Melanie Greene and Rowena Davis would like to learn more about the Supporter Role and will join our next Council Conference Call to see if they can help to contribute fresh ideas. Melanie expressed an interest in re-starting the Coaching Group.

7. Bank Signatories

Ned Seabrook, Linda Williams and Bob MacKenzie were appointed as bank signatories for the AMED bank accounts.

8. Close of Proceedings

Ned thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 1:50 pm, as a prelude to the afternoon workshop discussion on 'Never Let A Good Crisis Go To Waste: Trump & Brexit as opportunities for Management Development'.