

Minutes of the Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Annual General Meeting

held at the Crowne Plaza, Birmingham
on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 15.30

President Gideon Maas (GM) chaired the meeting.

GM opened the meeting.

1. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held 9th November in Belfast – copies of which were available on the ISBE website – were approved. Proposed by Paul Jones (PJ) and seconded by Lynn Martin (LM).

2. Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

An abbreviated annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 had been posted on the ISBE website for Members to download.

The Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 were approved at the ISBE September Board Meeting.

3. Re-appointment of Auditors

It was approved that the Auditors GBAC Limited should be reappointed and that the ISBE Board will fix their remuneration. Proposed by Paul Jones (PJ) and seconded by Andrew Henley (AH).

4. Announcement of 2018 RAKE Winners

GM announced that 2018 RAKE Winners were:

Dr Jane Glover, Birmingham Business School and Dr Anne Touboulic, Nottingham University Business School with “Using and evaluating different forms of engaged scholarship to explore emotional sense-making in small firms”

Dr Nicola Patterson, Newcastle University Business School, Dinah Bennett, International Consultants for Entrepreneurship and Enterprise and Colin Bell, North East Local Enterprise Partnership with “Developing a collaborative space to challenge gendered structural issues in entrepreneuring in the North East of England”.

He offered his congratulations to the teams involved and wished them every success with these initiatives.

5. Vice-Presidents’ updates

GM invited the VP’s to give a brief update of their work:

Professor Kiran Trehan - VP Research

- Improved quality, quantity of research papers

- Engaging more with policy practitioner community
- New events throughout the year
- Working more closely with SIGS

Dr Kelly Smith - VP Education and Practitioner Learning

- Part of revised QAA guidelines
- Input into KEF
- Call for evidence in Education in APPG
- Creating a new COI with EEUK. MOU to be signed.

Dr David Higgins - VP Communities

- DH thanked Julia Rouse (JR) for her hard work and guidance
- Solid base of 10 SIGS with 4 or 5 under consideration.
- 1st SIG workshop was held in October 2018, very successful
- Going forward – how do we grow legacy and integrity.

Leigh Sear - VP Policy and Practice

- Interviews with Executive Committee members
- Conference call in November with policy and practice group to review priorities and scope survey for Board members (to be completed December 2018)
- Contribution to development of SIG workshop in Liverpool in October 2018
- Forum membership and outline agenda for first meeting agreed. First meeting will take place in January 2019. Future meetings will coincide with ISBE events

Tony Wall - VP Finance

- Cash surplus after Belfast Conference.
- An accounting reserves of £144,000
- SIGS funded £1,500 each year and COI's £1,000.
- JR queried what the reserve should be. GM commented that this would be addressed at the next ISBE Board Meeting.

6. Re-elected/Co-opted Trustee

GM thanked Anthony Wall for his continued support and congratulated him on re-election for another three-year term on the Board.

GM also welcomed Dr Robert Newbery, Newcastle University and Michele Rusk, Northumbria University onto the Board as co-opted members in their capacity as co-chairs for ISBE2019.

7. Outgoing Trustees

GM and the ISBE Board expressed their thanks to outgoing Trustee, Ciarán Mac an Bhaird from Dublin City University, for all this hard work, time and contribution.

He also expressed his thanks to Pauric McGowan as outgoing Past President and Mark Gilman as outgoing ISBE2018 Conference Chair.

8. Any other business

There being no further business, the President thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.