

**Minutes of the Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**held at the Principal York Hotel**  
**on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 12.30pm**

ISBE President Andrew Henley (AH) chaired the meeting.

AH opened the meeting and highlighted the following:

- ISBE 2022 Conference Delegates were 250 in total, in comparison to 165 from ISBE 2021 in Cardiff.
- ISBE has 13 SIGS in varying levels of activity. They are all allocated an annual budget and he would like to see them getting activities going again post Covid-19.
- RAKE has been re-energised and two projects have been funded for 2022.
- Endrit Kromidha, VP Policy and Practice has a "Brief Series" planned for early 2023, and an email will be sent out asking for contributions.

**1. Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM held 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – copies of which were available on the ISBE website – were approved. Proposed by Lorna Treanor (LT) and seconded by Michelle Phillips (MP).

**2. Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements**

An abbreviated annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 had been posted on the ISBE website for Members to download.

It was reported that ISBE was in a more positive financial position post Covid-19. AH expressed his thanks to Ketch Adeeko for all her hard work as Treasurer. AH also expressed his thanks to the ISBE VP's Lorna Treanor (LT), Joan Lockyer (JL) & Endrit Kromidha (EK) for their support to him and the Institute.

The Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 were then approved, proposed by Elinor Vettraino (EV) and seconded by Simon Bridge (SB).

**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 Kelly Smith (KS) and seconded by Elinor Vettraino (EV).

**4. Announcement of New and re-elected Trustees for 2022**

**(Elected 28/10/2022)**

Professor Steve Johnson, Sheffield Hallam University  
Professor David Pickernell, Swansea University

AH reported that there were 5 strong candidates who nominated themselves for the 2 vacant positions.

#### **5. To re-appoint co-opted Trustees/Advisors to the Board**

KT thanked Paul Jones and Simon Raby for their continued support and re-appointed them as co-opted Board Members as the Editor of IJEBR and as the International Representative, respectively.

#### **6. To acknowledge thanks to the outgoing Trustees.**

Jerry Allen, University College London – Resigned due to increased workload  
Professor Kiran Trehan - Past President and Conference Chair

AH expressed his thanks to both for their support to ISBE.

#### **7. ISBE Organisational Members**

AH wanted to say a special thank you to all the organisational institutions for their continued support to ISBE. Membership now stands at 41.

#### **8. Any other business**

EV reported that she was excited to be hosting ISBE 2023 at Aston University and said that they were already in the planning stages. She intends to be adding in "Creativity" in the form of a "Bright club". There are plans for salon events on the run up to the Conference and will be bringing the world of policy and business together. Welcome to Birmingham.

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