

Minutes

TPS Annual General Meeting

Thursday 2 March 2017, 6:00pm, Institution of Civil Engineers, London

Chair	John Dales (JD)
Treasurer	Dominic McGrath (DM)
Secretary	John Rider (JR)
Members	36 attendees

1 Chair's report (JD)

Attached

2 Financial Statement (DM)

- DM presented a summary of the accounts for 2015-16 (year ending 30th September 2016). Rather than a predicted deficit, the Society posted a surplus as a result of growth in membership and some spend items coming in under budget. The revised surplus on the year is £12,645.
- The budget for the current year (2016-17) returns the Society to a position of projecting a modest surplus. A budget revision is anticipated, to reflect pending exceptional items that have arisen in-year, but the net impact is not expected to undermine the position of generating a surplus for the year.
- The Society remains in a very strong financial position and continues to generate a surplus. Membership and the associated income continues to rise and costs are generally contained within budget. The Society continues to support a healthy range of regional events including the launch of the Society in the Republic of Ireland.
- DM proposed that the Financial Statement be agreed; JD seconded this; and it was agreed unanimously by all members present.

3 Announcement of new Chair and Board Directors (JD)

- JD thanked all Board members for their work on behalf of the Society.
- JD thanked those who were now standing down from the Board – Katie Taylor and Dave White – for their contributions over the past few years.
- DM thanked JD for his time and commitment as Chair over the past 2 years.
- JD announced that one application had been received for the position of Chair and that Lynda Addison OBE would take up the post for the coming two years. JD read out a statement from Lynda (attached), who was out of the country on a prior engagement.
- Five vacancies were available on the TPS Board and six nominations were received.
- The five successful nominees were: Dr David Connolly who will now serve his second term; Martin Wedderburn who has been working with the Board as a Co-optee and will now take up a directly elected position; and Andrew Dennison, Kate Morris and Laura Putt who are new to the Board of directors.
- JD welcomed the re-elected and new Board members.

4 Amendment to Articles of Association (JR)

- A resolution was put forward (attached) to amend to the Articles of Association in order to increase the number of directly elected board members by two and correspondingly reduce the number of nominated spaces available for the supporting institutions (which provision had never been needed and was unlikely to become so).
- JR proposed that the resolution; JD seconded this; and it was agreed unanimously by all members present. The revised Articles will be placed on the website.

5 AOB

- A vote of thanks to the Board was expressed from the floor.
- No other comments were received.