

The Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC)

Annual General Meeting

31st March 2009
University of Warwick
Chair – Sheri-Leigh Miles, Convenor

Minutes

1. Minutes of 2008 AGM

The minutes were approved by David Somervell (University of Edinburgh) and seconded by Emma Fieldhouse (University of Leicester).

2. Matters Arising

It was noted that since the last AGM the following Trustees have stepped down:

Alison Moss
Angie Allen
Martin Wiles (as of this AGM)

The Board thanked them for their help and support.

Fraser Lovie, Scotland Convenor, was welcomed to the Board (voted by the Scotland Branch).

It was noted that the Accountants remain the same, Davies Mayers Barnett.

3. 2008 Annual Report / Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

The Chair presented the Trustee Report and Financial Statement. A copy of the Trustee Report and Financial Statements can be found the EAUC website.

4. Election of executive committee member who will act as Company Director and Charity Trustee (Resolution Paper AGM09-01)

Georgiana Weatherill was co-opted on 16th April 2008. It was noted that as per our constitution we require a minimum of 2 members of the Board to be from Further Education and 2 from Higher Education. With Sheri-Leigh Miles moving from FE to HE, the Board only had 1 FE representative. Georgiana is from FE and made up our minimum requirements.

The election of Georgiana was proposed by Gillian Sinnott (Wigan & Leigh College) and seconded by Victoria Hands (London School of Economics).

5. EAUC – Future Thinking (Presentation)

The Chair went through the highlights of the previous year including:

- Establishing a Scotland Office and a larger staff base. (Members of the Board and Staff were introduced).
- The relationship with the University of Gloucestershire is continuing, with EAUC being independent from the University although we are based there and are very grateful for their help and support.
- The Conference has a higher profile and we need to ensure we maintain and consolidate.
- EAUC are being invited to consultations and discussions on key issues

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- Delivery of Products and Services – ensuring we are delivering what Members want such as SORTED, website and resources. This is an opportunity for Members to tell us if any different. We should not underestimate the impact and resources of our tools.

The Chair then explained the future role of the Board including:

- We need to ensure value for money and review our Governance
- We need to reflect the altering Member profile which was predominantly estates but no longer the case. The Board needs to reflect whole teams and the different landscape.
- We need to assess what skills and the profile of the current Board and up skill existing where needed and attract new Members to fill skill gaps.
- Due to this review process there is a freeze on recruiting new Members of the Board. The Chair thanked those who had expressed an interest and they will be contacted once the review has taken place.
- There may be a need to change the Constitution as part of the Governance Review and this will take place at the next AGM.
- One option is to co-opt outside of the sector in order to gather other expertise and research into similar organisations.
- The Board are pleased to report throughout this process to Members.
- Iain Patton (Executive Director) reiterated that we will be entering dialogues with Members to ensure we reflect Members and ask for help during this period of review. That we will explore what we need and ensure potential of organisation is maximised so our impact is felt deeper and further into organisations. Members were invited to join the EAUC on the journey.

There were no questions.

6. Next AGM & Conference

The dates and venue are yet to be confirmed and Members will be notified as soon as they are.

7. Any Other Business

None.