



**BARNSLEY
GOVERNORS
ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the BGA AGM held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at the Holiday Inn, Dodworth

Welcome from the Chair of the BGA Stephen Gallagher

Apologies for absence: none

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 via Zoom were agreed with no matters arising

Nominations: the nominations of the following governors/trustees to the BGA Executive Committee were accepted: Molly Beever, Adrian England, Stephen Gallagher, Margaret Gostelow, Richard Punshon.

BGA Officers: the following officers were confirmed: **Richard Punshon (chair); Stephen Gallagher (secretary); Margaret Gostelow (vice chair)**. Each will serve a maximum three year term as per the constitution.

Report of the Executive Committee: Stephen Gallagher's report was in attendees' packs and on the BGA website. He thanked all governors and trustees for the work they do and also thanked his colleagues on the BGA Executive Committee. He paid special tribute to Pat Doyle, Executive Committee member, who died last January.

He went on to emphasise the importance of the BGA's role in giving governors a collective voice, our collaborative and cordial relationship with the local authority and our representation of governors' views and interests at the Schools Forum, Alliance Board and TEG.

Changes to the constitution: the following resolution was agreed by the meeting unanimously:

The constitution of the BGA is amended to read: *there will be ten members of the Executive Committee who will act as the directors of the company, and shall be*

- *The three principal officers, chair, vice chair and secretary*
- *Up to seven elected representatives from governing bodies, including one governor from a special school*
- *Up to two governors of the ten can be appointed by the Executive Committee*

An administrator/treasurer who need not be a governor can be appointed by the Executive Committee. They can attend Executive Committee meetings but be non-voting.

The principal officers of the Association shall be elected annually at and by the Annual General Meeting from the governors of member governing bodies for a period of one year. Officers may serve for no more than three consecutive years. The Executive Committee may create other officer roles from amongst its membership.

Presentation of accounts: the full accounts are available to view on the BGA website and a summary was in attendees' packs. Our main expenditure in the last year has been on trainers' and speakers' fees. It is our intention to spend our reserves on training and networking/information sessions for governors and trustees

Appointment of auditors: it was agreed that our accounts should be audited again by Angela Hayes at Barnsley Community and Voluntary Services based at Priory Campus.

Agreement of subscription for financial year 2022-2023: the following recommendation from the Executive Committee was agreed unanimously:

Discounts for Barnsley academies in MATS: academies will pay subscriptions on a sliding scale:

- Two academies in the same MAT would pay £45 each
- Three academies in the same MAT would pay £40 each
- Four or more academies in a MAT would pay £35 each

If a Trust wants to register separately, their rate will correspond to the rate of their academies

Discounts for maintained schools/single academy trusts:

So that such schools are not disadvantaged, it is proposed that schools that have been members of the BGA for the last five years are given a 20% discount, ie a subscription of £40pa.

The AGM was followed by a presentation on Catch Up by Karen Smith, Executive Headteacher.