

MINUTES



45th AGM of ICAEW South West

DATE & TIME:	20 May 2022 at 11:30
LOCATION:	The Hartnoll Hotel, near Tiverton
CHAIR:	Ros Aala, President
SECRETARY:	Trudi Coles, ICAEW Regional Executive
ATTENDEES:	R Aala, J Ashley, G Butler, S Deane, J Hill, D Jasper, P Littler, K Mansell, D Mills, J Muncaster, S Parkhouse, J Phillips, G Roberts, T Sienkiewicz, S Swales, B Waters, R Hawkes and T Coles
APOLOGIES:	S Anstiss, R Bennett, M Berry, A Bessell, J Brown, C Gibbs, A Green, R Jennings, J Kelly, P Newman, D Norris, R Ronayne, C Smale, D Stephens, F Wilkinson, M Williams

ITEM

- 1 **Welcome and apologies**
The President, Ros Aala, welcomed members to the meeting.
16 apologies had been received as listed above.

- 2 **Minutes of the 2021 AGM**
The minutes of the 2021 AGM held on Friday 14 May 2021 had been circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting. These were taken as read and approved. Proposed by Kathryn Mansell and seconded by John Ashley.

- 3 **To receive and adopt the Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2021.**
The accounts had been available on the ICAEW website and were circulated to all members present prior to the meeting. The Treasurer, Philip Littler, made the following comments:
 - Due to the pandemic and subsequent cancellation of the 2020 annual dinner the cost of the after-dinner speaker was transferred to a virtual charity comedy night at a cost of £4500.
 - The Society still held a good amount of money with reserves of £55,000.
 - The £26,167 creditors and accruals mainly referred to the funds ring-fenced for the region and student society.

The Statement of Accounts, including the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2021 was proposed for adoption by Ros Aala and seconded by Darren Jasper.

4 **To select an Honorary Treasurer and Secretary**

Philip Littler confirmed that he would be willing to continue in the role for a further 12 months which was proposed by Ros Aala and seconded by Dawn Mills.

5 **To note and install the Officers appointed for the forthcoming year**

The outgoing President, Ros Aala, reported that he had had a very interesting year with several emails from local members on several issues. He couldn't deal with many of them but was happy to be the conduit.

The success of his theme of social mobility won't be known for some years but encouraged members to continue to mentor and help young people from all backgrounds to achieve their potential, including access to the accountancy profession if that is their chosen career.

Ros thanked the committee and Trudi for their support over the last 12 months and duly installed Dawn Mills as President for the forthcoming year.

Dawn thanked Ros for his Presidential year and presented him with a Past Presidents' silver medallion. She then installed Gavin Roberts as Deputy President and announced that Alice Bessell would be taking on the role as Vice President but wasn't able to attend the meeting to be formally installed.

Dawn advised that the theme for her year would be to increase member engagement by building on the good variety of existing events but with a particular focus on young members (aged 35 and under) who the Society seems to lose touch with once they are admitted to membership.

6 **Any other business**

There was no further business for discussion

7 **Guest speaker**

The guest speaker was local ICAEW member, Jo Muncaster, who is Chair of the ICAEW Regional Sustainability Committee and sits on the ICAEW Business Committee. Jo moved from the North West, where she worked in Practice auditing premier league football clubs, to the Falkland Islands as the Financial Controller for the National Development Agency and Tourist Board before settling in the south west to work as a Carbon Accountant at City Science in Exeter.

Dawn thanked Jo for an excellent talk and invited everyone to join her for a delicious buffet lunch.