

MINUTES



46th AGM of ICAEW South West

DATE & TIME:	19 May 2023 at 11:30
LOCATION:	Hartnoll Hotel, near Tiverton
CHAIR:	Dawn Mills, President
SECRETARY:	Trudi Coles, ICAEW Regional Executive
ATTENDEES:	R Aala, S Anstiss, J Ashley, N Blannin, J Brown, L Coleman, C Crisp, S Deane, S Eustace, P Fitzgerald, L Gammon, C Gibbs, R Gifford-England, R Haydon, J Hill, A Holton, J Kelly, P Littler, K Mansell, M Martin, D Mills, D Norris, S Parkhouse, J Phillips, G Roberts, T Sienkiewicz, A Soul, A Willmott, Guest: Clive Bawden, ICAEW staff: B Waters, R Hawkes & T Coles
APOLOGIES:	A Bessell, J Coombs, J Dwyer, W Martin, F Ronayne, C Smale and F Wilkinson

ITEM

- 1 Welcome and apologies**

The President, Dawn Mills, welcomed members to the meeting. 7 apologies were recorded as listed above.
- 2 Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

The minutes of the 2022 AGM, held on Friday 20 May, had been circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting. These were taken as read and approved. Proposed by Lucinda Coleman and seconded by Kathryn Mansell.
- 3 To receive and adopt the Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2022.**

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:

 - The accounts were unchanged following the Independent Examiner's report.
 - They showed a deficit of £9,184.
 - Very small income from commission on courses following the move to ICAEW Essentials.
 - The main expense is the cost of the printed newsletter, but this will only be produced in a digital format going forwards so will no longer be incurred.
 - With the change in structure from 1 June 2023, the reserves of nearly £46K will be moved to a Shell Society and administered by Trustees.
 - The Treasurer role will become redundant.

The Statement of accounts, including the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2022 was proposed for adoption by Teresa Sienkiewicz and seconded by Charles Crisp.

4. **Motion to ratify that the operations of the Society shall be moved to a local ICAEW Network known as ICAEW South West with effect from 1 June 2023.**

Following a brief outline by the President and Deputy President the motion was proposed by David Norris and seconded by Ros Aala.

5. **To note and install the new Board for ICAEW South West for the forthcoming year.**

The outgoing President, Dawn Mills, thanked the committee for their support during the year which, overall, she had thoroughly enjoyed. Her theme had been to increase member engagement and particularly with members up to 10 years post qualified. Roundtable breakfast events had taken place to canvas views and work will continue to build engagement over the coming year.

Dawn then installed Gavin Roberts as Board Chair. Gavin thanked Dawn for her Presidential year and presented her with a Past Presidents' silver medallion.

Gavin advised that Alice Bessell would be taking on the role as Deputy Chair but unfortunately wasn't able to attend the meeting to be formally installed due to covid.

ICAEW South West Board members for the year were announced as follows:

Gavin Roberts (Chair)
Alice Bessell (Deputy Chair)
Caroline Smale
Philip Littler
Dawn Mills
David Norris
Simon Anstiss
Ros Aala
Sophie Parkhouse
Freya Ronayne
Kathryn Mansell
Robyn Gifford-England
Jenny Hill
Lucinda Coleman
John Kelly

John Ashley and Charlotte Gibbs would not be transferring to the Board but were thanked for their contribution over many years.

Gavin advised that the Board planned to support the ICAEW 10-year strategy which included the following 5 strategic themes:

- Strengthen trust in ICAEW Chartered Accountants and the wider profession.
- Help to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
- Support the transformation of trade and the economy.

- Strengthen the profession by attracting talent and building diversity.
- Master technology and data.

This would include work around supporting new member recruitment and retention along with strengthening succession planning and career paths.

6. **To ratify the proposed constitution for the South Western Society of Chartered Accountants.**

Printed copies were available at the meeting. No questions were raised.

Proposed by Simon Deane and Seconded by John Phillips

7. **To note and install the Trustees for the South Western Society of Chartered Accountants.**

Trustees for the 2023/24 year would be Gavin Roberts, Alice Bessell and Philip Littler.

8. **Student Award Presentations**

Richard Heydon from KPMG presented the two awards to the candidates who achieved first place within the District Society for the 2022 Corporate Reporting exams:

July 2022 sitting	Lily Gammon (<i>attended</i>)
November 2022 sitting	Jordan Holroyd (unable to attend due to holiday)

Andy Holton from Mercia presented the two awards to the candidates who achieved first place within the District Society for the 2022 Strategic Business Management exams:

July 2022 sitting	Lily Gammon (<i>attended</i>)
November 2022 sitting	Jordan Holroyd (unable to attend due to holiday)

Simon Deane from Accountancy Learning presented the two awards to the candidates who achieved first place within the District Society for the 2022 Case Study exams:

July 2022 sitting	Lily Gammon (<i>attended</i>)
November 2022 sitting	Shona Eustace (<i>attended</i>)

9. **Any other business**

There was no further business.

10. **Guest speaker**

The guest speaker was ICAEW member, Clive Bawden, an Independent Director at Exeter City Football Club. Clive, who went to school in Exeter but now lives in the Midlands is a former Council member, with extensive board and commercial experience.

Gavin thanked Clive for his excellent talk and invited everyone to join him for a drink at the bar and buffet lunch.