

ICAEW Southern

Board Meeting

Monday 17 June 2024, 17.30 – 18.30



Chair: James Berridge

Attendees: Louise Hallsworth, Martin Cavey, Simon Tye, Jen Richardson, Ashley Milne, Kevin Jutson

Apologies: Gemma Wilks, Richard Cartwright, James Wallis, Mariee Payne, Emily Peters, Emily Russell

AGENDA:

Item	Action	To be actioned by
1	Welcome from chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none">BW reported in apologies to meeting, also that Emily Peters has stepped down from board due to work pressures.Minutes were approved from the 12th March 2024 Board meetingNo declarations of business interests were recorded.	JB Proposed by JB, Seconded by ST
2	Regional Director report <ul style="list-style-type: none">BW briefed meeting on Celebration of Membership event, to take place in 25 June. All board members were encouraged to attend.Skills analysis – BW reminded meeting to complete this asap.Recruitment to board going forward – BW circulated a flow chart of processes to meet ICAEW governance requirements.Future reporting – BW outlined the information that will be circulated before each board meeting. It is expected that this is read in advance and only salient points will actually be discussed in meeting. Much of this is for information only to help board member keep in touch with ICAEW centrally	BW All JR/BW/ER
3	Sustainability Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jen presented the application process around using some of the legacy funds to encourage members in SMEs, small practices, and Charities to undertake the ICAEW Sustainability CertificateThe process was agreed by the board and BW and ER will discuss the best way to market as this cannot be done by ICAEW centrally.	JR

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed by JB to accept, and MC seconded. JR and Trustees will evaluate each application as it comes in. 	
4	<p>Southern Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2022 accounts were circulated before the meeting for reapproval as some small adjustments have been made by the auditors, which have come to light whilst preparing the 2023 accounts. The adjusted accounts were approved by all board members Proposed by JB and Seconded by LH. The 2023 accounts can now be prepared, and a revised AGM will be held on 9th July to approve these. 	JB
5	<p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both BW and ER have been concentrating on both the Portsmouth and Basingstoke area, mainly reaching out to members through Linked in. This was to support the Business Breakfast in Portsmouth (chaired by ST) and a new Basingstoke Practice Group which is planned to have its first meeting in September/October (to be chaired by member Will Turner) BW reported that she had attended both the Solent Partners Business Insights Group and Hampshire Chamber Professions group since the last board meeting 	BW
6	<p>Events update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BW circulated before the meeting a list of events that have been held since the last board meeting in March and covered all those planned until the end of 2024. A number of errors were pointed out and BW confirmed she would adjust and add in Board meetings an recirculate. 	<p>BW</p> <p>BW</p>
7	<p>Business Insights</p> <p>Members provided insights on various sectors, BW to report detail to the ICAEW Business Insights report. In summary –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment costs providing business burden, new govt does not need to increase minimum/living wage any further Many charities are in dire straits. Wage rises, delays on grants being issued, redundancies as a result Reporting that outsourcing more to include Kenya, Brazil and South Africa as reduces costs Worries about zero hours contracts and increased employees rights if Labour get voted in 	<p>BW to feedback to ICAEW</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit still appears to be unfashionable as a career still experiencing difficulties getting staff • ICAEW has a huge task in making the profession look attractive to new entrants 	
6	Meeting closed 6pm	None
7	Future meeting dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 September 2024 • 10 December 2024 	None