

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 19th September 2019: 12.00 p.m. Europa Hotel, Belfast

1. Welcome – Sarah Brown, NOTA Chair elect

Sarah Brown welcomed all NOTA members and guests to this year's A.G.M. She reminded all attendees that questions could be asked throughout the meeting. The agenda and minutes from the 2018 AGM and accounts were available. The agenda had previously been circulated electronically to members along with the nomination papers for executive roles. Sarah noted that Simon Hackett, NOTA Chair was unable to attend the AGM and that she would chair the meeting. Sarah referred to change of name of NOTA from "The National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers" to "The National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse". This change is now complete and it better reflects the focus of activity and core values of NOTA.

Sarah presented NOTA Fellowship certificates to those present who had been awarded the designation.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018

These were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Reports from Directors, Trustees, Working Groups, General Manager.

General Manager - Malcolm Muskett confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

Malcolm said it had been a positive year with increased membership levels. He thanked the Trustees and Contractors who have supported the charity during the year.

Malcolm reported he had met with the NOTA Accountant/Independent Examiner and Finance Director. The NOTA Accounts have been submitted to Companies House and showed total income of £214,872 and expenditure of £191,674. This was in accordance with the financial planning overseen by the NOTA Finance Group.

Research Committee - Mitch Waterman Reported the activity of the committee and some of the difficulties in making awards. There is a new carried forward fund of £10,000 available to the committee in the next year.

JSA - Sarah Brown spoke to Afroditi Pinta's report who sent her apologies for today's meeting. She reported adoption of an automation service by the publishers which will hopefully streamline reviewing and processing speed. Two other special issues are progressing. The next editorial board meeting will be taking place in the first week of October.

NOTA News - Anna Glinski, Reported on changes to the editorial team since last AGM she welcomed the news that Helen Masson has agreed to continue providing the 'Keeping up with Reports' feature.

Policy and Practice - Stuart Allardyce Reported on the activity of the group. NOTA provided a written response to the white paper on online harm which is on the NOTA website. In planning is a response to the Home Office consultation on the needs of older offenders. There are three practice papers in development which should be available by end early 2021. This will be the start of a new series of short papers for practitioners looking at messages from research that can be used in practice. Stuart thanked those who have supported the work.

Conference - Gail McGregor. Reported that this year's conference has progressed as planned. She thanked the Conference Team for their professionalism ensuring a smooth event. The 2020 Conference will be held in Leeds 16-18 September 2020. Gail will be handing over the Conference lead role to Kieran McCartan over coming months.

Prevention Committee - Kieran McCartan spoke to the work of the Committee over the year which is coordinated by regular teleconferences chaired by Jon Brown. There is an Engagement event planned in Belfast during the Conference week to take advantage of input from speakers who are in the city. Kieran McCartan referred to the periodic Blog which is being positively reviewed by members.

Student Representative- Dulcie Faure Walker Introduced herself as the newly appointed trustee.

Apologies had been received from Membership Services Committee -Kate Walker and Training Committee – Roger Kennington who will update on the work of their committees during the year.

4. Elections to Executive Roles

Elections to executive roles Nominations closed 26th August 2019.

The following have been nominated to stand; unopposed and accordingly are elected.

NOTA Vice Chair – Stuart Allardyce

NOTA Secretary – Sharron Wareham

NOTA Conference – Kieran McCartan

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 13.15