



North Western Baptist Association
Special General Meeting – 28th March 2019, 7.30pm
Blackburn Baptist Church

Welcome: Simon Oxley opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the NWBA SGM. He also offered thanks to the worship group and Blackburn Baptist for hosting the evening. In the absence of the Moderator, Simon would be acting as Chair for the meeting.

29 member churches were represented, meeting the threshold required to make the meeting quorate. A list of apologies received is attached.

Simon reminded the meeting that the changes to the Articles of Association had been discussed at the AGM in September and the SGM planned for the spring following approval of the changes by the Charity Commission. The amended Articles had been sent out and made available on the Association website along with all relevant information.

Simon explained that the proposed Articles provide a framework for us for the next period of our mission. The SGM does not offer a change in culture as we need to take our decisions in a particular way to make them legal – instead, this meeting is an exception to the culture and ways in which we may wish to work. It is for us to populate this framework with our hopes and desires and the work of God through NWBA.

Acceptance of Agenda: the meeting was asked to indicate by show of voting cards if they were happy to proceed under the proposed agenda. The agenda was accepted unanimously.

Articles of Association: The proposal was read out by Simon as follows - This meeting adopts the draft Articles of Association as published by the trustees at their meeting on 20th February 2019 to regulate the activities of the Association with immediate effect, subject to the approval of the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

There were no questions and Brian Davison seconded the proposal. The Articles of Association were adopted unanimously.

Simon offered thanks to Mark Heaton for his hard work and also to Phil Jump and Tim Presswood who had also given a great deal of time and attention to the update of the Articles.

Trustee Appointment process: Simon explained that the old trustee board have offered an appointment process which allows a certain amount of continuity with some members standing for re-election and some for the first time. As members retire, it will be possible for churches to nominate people to stand as trustees for appointment at the AGM.

PROPOSAL: In accordance with Clause 24 of the above Articles of Association, this meeting adopts the draft process of appointment for directors/trustees, proposed by the existing trustees at their meeting on 20th February 2019.

The proposed process was approved unanimously.

Appointment of trustees: Tim Presswood and Mandy Howarth were appointed as scrutineers.

For the purposes of clarity voting of the new trustee body was split into two parts – re-appointment of existing trustees and appointment of new trustees. Ballot papers had been provided on arrival.

Re-appointment of existing trustees and employee trustee: In accordance with the agreed procedure, the meeting was invited to elect by secret ballot up to 7 trustees from the retiring trustee body.

Appointment of additional trustees: The meeting was then invited to elect by secret ballot up to 3 additional trustees to serve for a period of up to three years.

While counting took place Phil offered the sincere thanks of the Association to Philip Elson for his service to NWBA in a number of roles over many years. Applause was offered for Philip.

Following the conclusion of counting, Phil announced that all candidates had been overwhelmingly appointed to Council as trustees.

Appointment of Moderator: In view of Philip Elson's retirement as trustee and moderator and Simon's reappointment to serve as a trustee, Phil invited the meeting to appoint Simon Oxley to the role of interim moderator to serve until the Annual General Meeting on 15 September 2019.

It was agreed unanimously to appoint Simon as Moderator until the AGM. Phil handed the meeting back to Simon and Simon invited Richard Cooper to lead the meeting in prayer for those who had been appointed as trustees.

Simon closed the business meeting and Phil presented an overview of the vision of NWBA.

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Apologies

Jonathan Boyers

Jane Henderson

Graham Lindley

Kath Dodd

Doreen Landriau

Garry Wareham

Elfred Godding

Brian Jenkins

Christway Baptist Church

Tarporley Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist, Bacup

Sandra Crawford

New Brighton Baptist Church

Grange Baptist Church

Didsbury Baptist Church

Cleveley's Baptist Church

Heywood Baptist Church

Roman Road IM Church