



Reading Governance Association

Annual General Meeting

To be held at The Wren School (accessible from Bath Road, RG30 3BB)
Wednesday 26th June 2019 starting at 7pm (Refreshments available from 6.30pm)

AGENDA

Welcome from the Chair
Apologies for absence
Declarations of Interest
Minutes of previous AGM (attached)
Matters arising
Chair's Report
Treasurer's Report
Adoption of revised Constitution (attached and see below)
Election of Officers
Election of Executive Committee
Any Other Business

Jan Digby, Clerk to Reading Governance Association
11th June 2019

Note on the proposed new constitution

The RGA constitution was last comprehensively updated in 2012 and, apart from minor changes, has not been amended since. Your executive committee has, as part of its normal updating activity, reviewed the constitution and are bringing an updated version for approval at this AGM. In reviewing the constitution your Executive Committee both considered the present aims and objectives of the RGA in the specific context of Reading and reviewed a number of constitutions from analogous Governance Associations.

The principal changes include:

- Tightening of definitions to reflect the wide variety of governing bodies in Reading schools such as Nurseries, multi- academy trusts, stand-alone academies, IEBs and Independent schools.
- Includes all the present RGA functions such as promotion of communication and best practise between governing bodies.
- New section on Finance explaining how money raised can be used
- New section on the composition and role of the Executive Committee
- General updating around meetings to reflect what actually happens in training and communication sessions

The current constitution requires any alterations to be approved by two thirds of the membership at an AGM or SGM, and 'membership' is defined as 'All governors in schools located in Reading' plus others from schools outside the Borough but with links to Reading. Changes that have been made in the interim (for example changing the name from 'Reading Governors Association' to 'Reading Governance Association' in 2017) were approved by a simple vote of hands at an AGM and, whilst this new constitution is a complete rewrite, your executive committee recommend the same process be used for approval on the grounds of proportionality and risk assessment. Of course members may have a different view and, indeed, may have helpful suggestions for further improvement. If so please let the Clerk know, in writing, at least seven days prior to the AGM such that the necessary preparation be completed.