

Reading Governance Association (RGA)
Annual General Meeting
26th June 2019

The Wren School, Reading RG30 3BB



Present

16 governors representing 12 member schools and 1 guest.

In Attendance

Jan Digby (Clerk to RGA) and Mark Fowler (interim Head of Education, Brighter Futures for Children).

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Welcome and Declarations of Interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 27th January 2018 which had been previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

Richard Rolfe presented the Chair's report, summarising the key activities for 2018-19 which had been a year of considerable change. A new RGA website has been launched. This includes links to the governor survey, and all are encouraged to complete this. Two newsletters have been published. RGA is now a separate entity rather than a Reading Borough Council cost centre. This has caused some confusion and those present were asked to check that their subscription has been paid. Contact details are held to enable the setting up of networks and running events. From the autumn RGA has facilitated the offer of a clerking SLA offered by Oxfordshire. Richard also outlined plans for 2019/20, which include events which are separate to but designed to complement those run by Governor Services, and the re-launch of governor networks. In response to feedback, events will take place on different days of the week. The Chair's report is available on the website.

The website was briefly presented. It will include links to book events, news items of local interest, the RBC training and events brochure and information about the RGA and events.

Treasurer's Report

Richard Stainthorp presented the Treasurer's report. The role of treasurer has changed now that the RGA has separated from RBC. The changeover has meant that there is no full formal set of accounts available.

Expenditure is predicted to be higher in future years as the work of the RGA expands and as a result costs, for example for room hire and speaker expenses, increase. In addition, RGA now has to pay VAT. An increase in subscription rates is therefore likely to be considered at the next AGM.

In response to a question from the floor as to major expenditure in the past few months, Richard explained that the one-off cost of the website was the major single item. There have also been increased costs for room hire.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Chris Robinson, seconded by Richard Rolfe and adopted unanimously.

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Constitution

The Chair introduced the proposed constitution, which had been previously circulated, and thanked Chris Robinson for his work in preparing it. No comments had been received about the content of the new constitution.

Adoption was proposed by Richard Stainthorp, seconded by Julia Cottee and agreed unanimously.

Election of Officers

The following were elected:

Chair: Richard Rolfe (Proposed Chris Robinson, Seconded Richard Stainthorp)

Treasurer: Richard Stainthorp (Proposed Richard Rolfe, Seconded Chris Robinson)

Election of Executive Committee

The following were elected or re-elected *en bloc*.

Julia Cottee, Matt Espley, Sarah Shott, Chris Robinson.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.