

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
held on Tuesday 01 October 2019**

Attendance: Charlie Irvine (Director), Alastair Sharp, Carol Thompson, Ailie Barclay, Jonathan Rodriguez, Isabel Hansch, Brittany Smart, Graham Boyack, Bill Porterfield, Sophie Revesz, Alan Partridge (SafeDeposits Scotland), Ian Lannigan, Chloe Ramsay and Pauline McKay (Minutes)

Apologies: Patrick Scott (Chair), Simon Horne, Anthony Syder, Maureen Morrison, Ben Cramer, David Hutchison, Sarah O'Neil, Katie Elliot, Irene Murray and Sheriff Bonnar

Welcome

In the absence of the Chair, the Director welcomed everyone to the meeting. This was the 5th Mediation Clinic AGM and the 10th Year of the Masters programme at University of Strathclyde. A welcome was extended to Alan Partridge from SafeDeposits Scotland and absences were noted.

The Mediation Clinic Annual Report was distributed (attached). This contained reports from the Chair, Director, Housing Project Worker and Student Assistant.

Minutes of last AGM Meeting

These were approved and adopted.

Chair's Welcome

Ailie Barclay (former Chair) presented the Chair's Report on behalf of Patrick Scott.

Directors Report

Charlie Irvine summarised his report and thanked all members and supporters of the Clinic for their continued support.

Amendment to Constitution

A minor amendment was proposed under Section 3 of the Constitution. The Mediation Clinic wished to extend its reach and expand the pool of members. It was proposed that there now be two categories of membership: a "Mediator Member" which would commit those mediating to our standards and confidentiality, and a wider category of "Member" for anyone wishing to support the Clinic in achieving its aims. This was adopted by the meeting.

Volunteer Board Members

The following volunteered as Board Members for the coming year: Patrick Scott, Sophie Revesz, Pauline McKay, Jonathan Rodriguez, Isabel Hantsch, Bill Porterfield, Alastair Sharp, Chloe Ramsay and Michael Hodgson.

The election of office bearers will take place at the first Board Meeting to be arranged. Ailie Barclay was now standing down and she was thanked for her past work.

Mediation Clinic Calendar 2019-20

CPD event with Edinburgh Sheriff Court: Wednesday 06 November 2019 at Strathclyde

Alumni Fund Application: Deadline for submission: 11 October 2019

Scottish Legal Awards 2020: Deadline for submission: 13 November 2019

Scottish Mediation – Mediate 2019: “The words we use” 14 November 2019

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Alastair enquired about a Mediation Clinic presence at other courts; this will be discussed directly with him in due course.

The Director then passed the floor to Graham Boyack, Director of Scottish Mediation, who gave a short presentation on latest developments as well as a summary of the proposed Mediation Bill from Margaret Mitchell and the Report from Scottish Mediation “Bringing Mediation into the Mainstream”.

The Director thanked Graham and everyone for attending.