

SCBA Annual General Meeting 2021

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on 8th November 2021.

Present: 70 Delegates and 18 Visitors from SCBA churches and organisations
5 Staff and 5 Trustees from SCBA

1. Apologies for absence – 9 apologies had been received.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting, held on 9th November 2020 had been previously circulated. These were accepted as a correct record.
3. Welcome to New Churches – Anthony Clarke welcomed The Meeting Place (Westbourne) represented by Neil Attewell, and the Burmese Mission Church (Oxford) represented by Gin and Man Hatzaw and Ms Zamisar, into membership SCBA. Anthony also welcomed Elsie Fraser as Regionally Recognised Leader and thanked her for her gifts and calling
4. Annual Report of the Directors/Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2020 – An SCBA Annual Review had been distributed on the day and can be found [here](#). Anthony introduced Jane Day, Centenary Enabler for BUGB and Tutor in Community Learning at Regent's Park College, Oxford, and highlighted her work on Footsteps and Equipping Younger Leaders.
Anthony explained that the team had said goodbye to Dave Llewellyn and Alysén Merrill in the summer and are grateful for all that they had brought to SCBA. He also wanted to say goodbye to Nigel Cox who was coming to the end of his term as trustee, including his time as Association Treasurer. Colin led a time of prayer for Nigel and his wife Sue.
5. Election of the Members of the Steering & Strategy Group (Council) – Jason Collis from Thatcham Baptist Church, was unanimously voted in as trustee of SCBA. Chris Porter led a time of prayer for the SCBA team and trustees.
6. Report of the Association Treasurer– Andy Johnson thanked Nigel Cox for his support as Association Treasurer
Andy gave an overview of the accounts for 2020. The full accounts can be found [here](#). He explained that like other institutions, SCBA has been affected by COVID but not dramatically, due to continuing grant from BUGB. There has been a reduction in giving to Home Mission which will affect the grant to SCBA in the coming years. Expenditure is down due to the RM Team working from home for most of 2020. SCBA are running on a deficit which was agreed by the trustees some years ago, but have benefitted from the monies from closed churches, but this money is earmarked for use in mission.
Anthony thanked Andy of his work as Association Treasurer.
7. Report from the Regional Minister Team – Colin Norris thanked Anthony for stepping to moderate the AGM. He then spoke about solidarity and rebuilding – the vision that is our association. SCBA are currently in the process of a Strategic Review with Helen Cameron, from Regent's Park College, who is helping to bring together the work we are doing in the association.
The SCBA Ministers' and Leaders' Conference will be held in Cheltenham on 7th – 9th February 2022. The guest speaker will be Geoff Colmer, BU President.

SCBA are continuing to meet together to carry out Mentoring Network Training throughout the year and Colin particularly highlighted the Peer-to-Peer Mentoring training on 16th November 2021.

Jim Shepherd spoke about the Worship Teams Conference on 22nd January 2022 at Testwood Baptist Church, which is open to all SCBA churches.

Clare Hooper reflected on her work in the field of children, youth and families and the call to make disciples for everyone – young and old. She highlighted the new resource from the CYF Round Table – a CYF Racial Justice Resource. This can be download [here](#).

Steve Barber spoke about the 130,000 to 500,000 Hong Kongers who will be settling in Great Britain over the next couple of years, and how BUGB have taken the initiative and employed a Hong Kong Response Co-ordinator called Sharon Shek. Steve encouraged people to look at the BU website [here](#).

Colin ended by thanking the team for all of their hard work over the pandemic and for the support of the trustees.

8. No further items were raised, and the AGM was brought to a close with a time of worship.

