

SCBA Annual General Meeting 2018

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Andover Baptist Church on 12th November 2018.

Present: 87 Delegates and 33 Visitors from SCBA churches and organisations
6 Staff and 5 Trustees from SCBA

1. Opening Devotions – Mike Mortimer, Association Moderator, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Colin Norris, RM Team Leader, spoke about the beacons being lit across the country last night for Remembrance Day and the 100 Year anniversary of the end of World War One. Colin recapped on the flames written on at the Ministers' & Leaders' conference earlier in the year about what burned strongly in those attending. He read from Exodus 3 and Moses and the burning bush, reflecting on how there are burning bushes everywhere, but do we have eyes to notice and see them? If we do not have contemplative eyes, we will never see what God is doing – God is beckoning – “come on over.” Colin invited everyone to be contemplativists! God is the fire-starter!

2. Apologies for absence – 13 apologies had been received.

3. Minutes – The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, held on 1st November 2017 had been previously circulated. These were accepted as a correct record.

4. Annual Report of the Directors/Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2017 -

Report from the Moderator – Mike Mortimer explained that our Association has been on a pilgrimage this year. Grenville Overton has now fully retired and has moved to Redditch with his wife, Alison. Stella Charles has retired, and Jon Spiller stepped down as Company Secretary. Mike welcomed Clare Hooper, Joth Hunt and Dave Llewellyn who have joined Colin Norris & Ali Boulton on the Regional Ministry Team. He also welcomed Alysén Merrill who has taken over from Stella Charles as the Leadership Development Administrator. SCBA have also just recruited Andrea King as Safeguarding Officer which is being funded by Clare Hooper being on secondment to Bristol Baptist College to teach a CYF module. Colin Norris has finished his doctorate dissertation and will be taking part in a viva in a couple of weeks.

Governance – GDPR has been brought in which is a kingdom value. SCBA will be hosting GDPR Training sessions in December 2018 and February 2019.

At the last AGM questions were raised about using an EGM to vote in new Regional Ministers. The trustees decided that they would not change the Memorandum and Articles regarding this.

(A full copy of the Memorandum & Articles can be found at:

<http://www.scba.org.uk/governance.html>)

The trustees are hoping to co-opt new trustees in the next couple of months, specifically to the working groups. The new trustees will then be brought to the next AGM. The Working Groups are as follows:

- Staffing Finance and Administration
- Leadership and Ministerial Development
- Safeguarding
- Children, Youth & Families
- Pioneer Mission
- Mission Development
- Home Mission
- Justice

If you have an interest in joining any of these groups, please talk to Mike Mortimer or Collin Norris

Mike concluded that the association has begun a new and dynamic future with the new team and we seek your prayers in the way forward.

Report from the Association Treasurer – *A copy of the SCBA financial activities for 2017 had been previously circulated. (A full copy of the annual accounts can be found at: <http://www.scba.org.uk/governance.html>)*

Nigel Cox gave an overview of 2017 Accounts. *(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be seen at: <http://www.scba.org.uk/governance.html>)*

Income – the total income for 2017 was £510,662. The BU Grant for Operational Purposes and the Home Mission Grants for Churches will now be given to associations as a lump sum.

Expenditure – the total expenditure for 2017 was £625,012. The largest expenditure is mission – both Home Mission & Pioneer Mission.

Pension Debt – Nigel expressed his gratitude to grateful to Richard Wilson (BU Support Services) and the Pension Management Team that there is now light at the end of the tunnel. Nigel explained that in 2017, SCBA had a deficit of £114,350. We continue to look to God to use this money wisely.

Church of the Year for 2018 is Sandown Baptist Church which can be donated to until the end of the year. Applications are welcomed for 2019, for any specific projects. These can be sent to Amy Allen. This will be decided by the SFA and will be announced at the Ministers' & Leaders' Conference in February 2019.

Home Mission – Nationally, the appeal is currently below target, and the same applies to our Association. If the present level of giving continues, SCBA will have a projected shortfall of £32,000. If the appeal falls short, then our funding falls short. Nigel set our Association a challenge – if each church in our association gives an additional £50 before the end of the year, we will move closer to our target.

The accounts were noted by AGM.

Colin thanked all the trustees for work that they do for our Association.

The Regional Ministry team gave an update and snapshot on what has taken place in the last year.

The afternoon ended in worship and prayer.