

## Annual General Meeting 2017

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Amesbury Baptist Church on 1 November 2017.

**PRESENT:** 107 Delegates and 36 Visitors from SCBA churches and organisations  
7 Staff and 7 Trustees from SCBA

- 1. Opening Devotions:** The Association Moderator, Mike Mortimer, opened the meeting in prayer.
- 2. Welcome and introductory remarks:** The moderator announced the appointment of two new general Regional Ministers – Revd Joth Hunt and Revd Dave Llewellyn, and how much he is looking forward to the new team.

Trustees – Joth Hunt has stepped down as trustee following his appointment, John Greenwood has come to the end of his two terms, and Jon Spiller has resigned as Company Secretary. This has left the number of trustees very low and Mike encouraged our member churches to think about people who would be willing to serve with the SCBA.

- 3. Apologies for absence:** 16 apologies had been received.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, held on 2 November 2016, had been circulated. These were accepted as a correct record.

The minutes of the 2017 Extraordinary General Meeting, held on 25 May 2017, had been circulated. These were accepted as a correct record.

- 5. Annual Report of the Directors/Trustee for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016:** The moderator explained that a lot has happened in the last ten months, which shows how the Lord is working in our community.

John Greenwood, retiring Association Treasurer gave an overview of the Accounts for 2016 (below). The full Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for 2016 can be found at <http://www.scba.org.uk/guidelines.html>. John encouraged the Association churches to apply for the financial resources available through SCBA. He also appealed for potential SCBA trustees who have a qualification in accountancy. Mike expressed his thanks to John for serving our Association as Treasurer (an official farewell took place after the AGM).

A formal notice was given of the closure of Wellow Baptist Church on the Isle of Wight.

- 6. Election of the Treasurer and Members of the Steering and Strategy Group:** Malcolm Edge (Fleet Meadow Baptist Church) and Tracey Ansell (North End Baptist Church) were appointed as scrutineers. Following the counting of the votes Nigel Cox was elected as Association Treasurer and Melvina Fawcett, Simon Ford and Anne Lane were elected as members of the SSG.

## **7. Other matters:**

**Appointment of Regional Ministers:** At the EGM in May 2017, the delegates present voted to allow the SSG to appoint Regional Ministers without bringing it to an EGM, for a period of twelve months. This followed difficulties in obtaining quorum at previous meetings. Following further discussions, the SSG proposed that the Memorandum and Articles, and the Bye-Laws will be reviewed over the next year. The SSG will then bring a proposal regarding the appointment of Regional Ministers to the AGM in 2018, to be voted on at the AGM in 2019.

The AGM finished in prayer.

## Association Treasurer's Report on the 2016 Accounts to the 2017 Annual General meeting.

The annual accounts were audited by Wilkins Kennedy LLP and a full set can be found on the Companies House website at: <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/04279837> and a hard copy can be obtained from Amy Allen at the Association Office, email: [office.administrator@scba.org.uk](mailto:office.administrator@scba.org.uk)

The 2016 Accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have identified the essential data from the accounts below and I will be happy to answer questions in advance by email:

- 1 The total Funds increased by £845,345 to £2,215,056 at the end of 2016.
- 2 The total resources expended were £420,998 (compared to £551,670 in 2015) and the total incoming resources were £1,260,818 (compared to £361,884 in 2015) giving the gain of the £845,345 (compared to a loss of £154,008 in 2015). The factors which account for this were:
  - a) £930,524 income from closed churches,
  - b) an increase in attendance at the Leaders' and Ministers' Conference.
- 3 In keeping with the national investment markets and bank interest income from investments was down marginally to £7,457 from £7,521 in 2015.
- 4 The national BU grant towards the operational costs of the association for 2016 was £145,660 supplemented by a further £25,000 transfer from Mission Grants.
- 5 The BU Home Mission grants allocation is credited to associations as unrestricted General Income was £147,616 of which £5,000 was 2015 unspent grant monies which was placed in the Designated Pioneer Mission Fund. £119,921 was allocated to 19 grants for churches, chaplaincies or mission projects. Any unused balance was carried forward to 2017.
- 6 The following Grants from our various Special Funds have been given during the year amounting to £26,086:
  - a) Five Confidential Grants together amounting to £2,575.
  - b) Three Pioneer Mission Grants amounting to £12,800, one to support a Debt Counselling Post, and the other to pay the rent of a Worship space and support for Ministry at a Pioneer church plant.
  - c) Thirteen Grants to support Study, or Home and Overseas Mission Placement amounting to £6,933.
  - d) Three Churches Together Grants amounting to £3,778.
- 7 One Loan of £40,000 was made to a church for building improvements.
- 8 The Church of the Year gifts during the year from churches in the SCBA amounted to £4,435. Up to 30<sup>th</sup> June it was for Shenfield BC who in total received £5,563 and thereafter for Cornerstone BC.
- 9 The churches of the Association gave a total of £352,221 in 2016 for the National Home Mission Appeal compared to £390,709 in 2014. To 30<sup>th</sup> September this year we had received £293,456 (£242,476 in 2016) which is 75% of our annual target as set by the Home Mission.

Following a review I am able to confirm that **Kingston Smith LLP** have been appointed as the Auditors for the association commencing January 2018.

This being my final report to the Association I wish to record my thanks for the invaluable support I have received from the Administrative Manager, Amy Allen and her predecessors Keith Hawton and Patricia Criddle; and that of the Finance Officers of the Baptist Union in particular Robert Hilton, Cristina Livardiu, Edyta Kinoulty and Emma Glen.

The role has been both a joy and a challenge at times which has been made fulfilling because of the commitment of the Regional Team, Trustees and Churches to see the importance of the careful stewardship of God's financial resources so that His kingdom imperatives can be fulfilled.

**Edward John Greenwood, October 2017.**

**Association Treasurer**

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