

CIPFA in the Midlands  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
10 March 2011, Ricoh Arena, Coventry

**Opening remarks**

Steve Wellings (President) thanked everyone for attending the AGM, and welcomed them to the Ricoh Arena, he thanked Jaki Meekings Davis and all the other speakers, and CIPFA Placements and Deloitte for supporting the event.

Chris West and Daniel Gidney (Director and Chief Executive of Arena Company Limited) welcomed everyone to the Ricoh Arena. Chris West (Director of Finance and Legal Services) offered his public support to Lisa Commane during her CIM Presidency, and gave his full backing to CIM.

**1. Apologies**

24 apologies had been received.

**2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM**

The Treasurer asked for a correction to be made to the 2010 AGM Minutes, the balances should be £40,000 and not £140,000.

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were then accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

Proposed by Lisa Commane, seconded by Jon Crockett.

**3. Annual Report 2010**

The Annual Report for 2010 was for the first time presented by the President in the form of a power point presentation, which will be available on the CIM website.

It set the context for 2010 and showed how CIM had been involved both nationally and locally by being part of many different bodies and forums, and had supported members and students with a variety of different events. CIM had arranged 22 events over 2010 which had been attended by a total of 919 members and students.

Proposed by Steph Simcox, seconded by Brian Roberts.

**4. Development Plan 2011**

This item was moved to later in the agenda.

**5. Treasurers Report 2010**

The Treasurer stated that the deficit for the year was larger than budget partly due to problems at the 4<sup>th</sup> CATS Seminar which was affected by bad weather. But there was still a healthy balance at the end of the year.

The Treasurer stated that the reserves are needed to put on high quality events and to cover any contingencies.

Proposed by Steve Wellings, seconded by Brian Roberts.

The 2011 Budget is in line with the 2011 Strategic Plan, and showed a planned deficit which arose from CIM's decision to continue to run certain events to support members and students.

There will also be a small reduction in CIM's subvention from CIPFA due to the creation of the new Wales Region.

Proposed by Steve Wellings, seconded by Brian Berry.

## **6. CIM Constitution**

There had been some necessary changes to the Constitution due to the creation of the Wales region, and to make some small changes to allow for new methods of working.

Proposed by Steve Wellings, seconded by Steph Simcox.

## **7. Election of Officers**

CIM had followed due process, nominations for officers and members had been sought, approved and accepted, and the AGM would now be notified of the people to be elected.

Lisa Commane to become CIM President for the period 2011-2013, and Steve Wellings to become Immediate Past President.

Steve Wellings handed over the President's badge of office to Lisa, who gave him a huge vote of thanks, and said he would be a very hard act to follow.

Lisa presented Steve with a Past President's badge.

Sean Pearce to become Vice President for the period 2011-2013.

Lisa Commane handed over the Vice President's badge of office to Sean.

Andy Morley would continue as Honorary Treasurer for the period 2011-2013.

Sue Smith would continue as Secretary for the period 2011-2013.

Ben Jarrett would continue as Deputy Secretary for the period 2011-2013.

The following Council Members were nominated and elected for the period 2011-2013.

Paul Hector  
Brian Roberts  
Andy Burns  
Tony Kirkham  
Gus Miah

The following Council Member was nominated and elected for the period 2011-2012 (this one year place had been created by Sean Pearce becoming Vice President half way through his council member 2 year term of office)

Pauline Moore

The following Council Member was nominated as co-opted HFMA Representative for the period 2011-2013

Jon Roberts

## **8. New Regional President's Address**

Lisa Commane stated that she was looking forward to being President in the current circumstances, that CIPFA now had great opportunities in many fields. Since accepting the Vice President's role 2 years ago there had been rapid and huge changes, with personal and professional impacts, but CIPFA members have been given useful tools for dealing with this situation. CIM recognises and wants to

support members through the changes, which is reflected in the Strategic Plan for 2011.

She would like CIM to be measured against

- Continual better cross sector working
- Enhancing the eminence of CIPFA
- Continuing to add value to members through thought leadership, for example by the role of CIM feeding into national CIPFA work
- A strong succession strategy

Lisa also wanted to celebrate the success of the CIPFA in the Midlands Students Society which would be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary later in the month.

She finished by welcoming all the new Council Members.

Proposed by Steph Simcox, seconded by Sean Pearce

## **9. Any other business**

There was no other business.

The AGM was formally closed at 2.20 pm