

Minutes of the ACIP AGM 2020



Friday 23rd October 2020 at 15h00 in the Salle Eugène Le Roy, Le Bugue

ITEM	AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION
1	Welcome & apologies	<p>The President opened the 2020 AGM at 15h10 by welcoming all those who were present at the meeting. In total there were 28 members present. Apologies had been received from 8 members and the Secretary had received notice of 4 proxy votes.</p> <p>The sanitary measures in place for the safe use of the Salle during the Covid-19 crisis were explained to members. In light of the health situation members were told that it would not be possible to offer refreshments or entertainment either during or at the end of the meeting. The President reminded everyone present that several important documents and reports had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The intention was that members would read the reports before the meeting thereby allowing the duration of the AGM to be shorter than normal.</p>
2	Signing of the minutes of the 2019 AGM	<p>The minutes of the 2019 ACIP AGM had been circulated to all members prior to the current AGM. The President stated that members would now be asked to vote on accepting that the circulated minutes were a true and accurate account of the previous AGM. No questions were raised by members concerning the accuracy of the minutes.</p> <p>David Walker proposed that the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted as a true record and Lynn Webster seconded the proposal. The assembly voted unanimously to accept the minutes. The President and Secretary then signed each page of the minutes from the 2019 AGM.</p>
3	President's Report	<p>The President explained that a copy of his annual report to the membership was one of the documents that had been circulated prior to the AGM (see Annex A attached). Nevertheless, he gave a shortened version of his report whereby he reported that until the Covid-19 crisis arrived in mid-March the year had been going well. However, during the confinement period several group leaders had resigned as leaders. That had particularly affected the ability of ACIP to deliver language tuition. Thanks to an influx of new leaders and the efforts of our Vice –President and Mimi Hedan we had reconfigured how language courses were to be delivered and several classes were currently active. Le Bastion had re-opened albeit with strict sanitary protocols in place to help keep members safe. Some of ACIP's financial reserves had been used to offset the effects of reduced income due to the Covid-19 crisis. The Treasurer's report reflects that situation. Our programme of future social events had unfortunately had to be cancelled. The President explained that we would have to remain flexible and adaptable and that the committee would do the best it could to respond to changes in circumstances.</p>
4	Membership Report	<p>The Membership Secretary introduced herself and advised that her report had been sent out to all members prior to the AGM (See Annex B attached). The members present were asked if they had any questions concerning the report. There were no questions.</p>

5	Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's report had been sent out to all members prior to the AGM (see Annex C attached). A small loss had been made this year due to the adverse impact on our activities by Covid-19. A small loss was also forecast for next year. The members present were asked if they had any questions concerning the circulated report. There were no questions.
6	Revision to Statutes	<p>The President explained that earlier in the year the committee had reviewed the statutes of ACIP. They had done this because it was felt that a review of them was overdue and that some articles needed a revision. Considerable time had been spent deliberating the changes which members would shortly be asked to vote on. A document outlining the proposed changes had been circulated to all members prior to the present AGM (see Annex D attached). No questions had been raised by members prior to the AGM. Those members present at the AGM were then invited to ask the committee questions on the revisions. There were no questions.</p> <p>The President recommended that the proposed changes to the ACIP Statutes be accepted by the membership. Robert Brereton proposed that the changes be accepted and James Swarsbrick seconded the proposal. The assembly voted unanimously to accept all of the proposed changes to the Statutes.</p>
7	AOB	No questions or topics had been submitted for AOB prior to the 9 October date specified in the calling notice for the AGM. The President asked those members then present at the assembly if anyone had a question they wished to raise under AOB. No one raised any question or topic for discussion.
8	Election of Officers	The President explained that the 4 officers presently on the committee filling the roles of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary were all standing for re-election. No other nominations had been received from members wanting to become an officer. Therefore, the existing 4 officers were the only candidates in the election. The President recommended that the current officers be re-elected by the membership. David Walker proposed that course of action and Jonathon Cork seconded the proposal. The assembly voted unanimously to accept the re-election of the existing 4 officers. The President further advised that no nominations had been received from members wanting to join the committee as ordinary members.
9	Closure of Business	There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 15h25.