



Professional Speaking Association

AGM October 9th 2020

Held online via zoom

Present:

Rebecca Jones - Chairman
Shaz Nawaz – Finance Director
Steve Bustin – President
Lynda Shaw - President Elect
Lee Jackson – Foundation Director
Chantal Cornelius - Marketing Director
Nathan Littleton - Communications Director
Michelle Mills-Porter - Membership Director
Guy Clapperton - Regions Director

Welcome to the 2020 AGM from Rebecca Jones

In the last nine months, since taking up the chair, things have certainly been a bit busy. I'm sure you can understand. And whilst we all know what's been going on. And you know, nobody expected us to have such a difficult time. I just wanted to highlight a couple of things before we get into the main part of the AGM. The first is the fact that I do work with a lot of associations, and many associations, both here in the UK and overseas are currently really struggling both financially and in other ways. And many of them are struggling in such a financial way that they are unlikely to survive this covid period. We are not in that position, I want to make that really strongly known to everybody as membership, that we're in a very, very healthy position, and that

means we're going to be able to support our members moving forward. Whereas other associations are trying to pull back, we're looking at growing and moving forward. Other associations are losing their memberships. And we're not, we're growing since we've been in lockdown, our membership has increased month on month. And you know, with that stands for the fact that our regional presidents have done such a superb job. And we thank them very much for that. We're a really strong association, and we've got a great team. And we have plans and intentions to move forward and support our members into 2021.

Formal agenda

Section	Discussion/Action	Lead
1	Welcome	Rebecca Jones
2	<p>Last year's AGM notes were published on the website.</p> <p>Rebecca Jones: Propose approval of the minutes of last years AGM</p> <p>Lynda Shaw: Seconded.</p> <p>Motion: Accounts approved</p> <p>A note is made to reference comments from the floor regarding a typo to be updated on a name and the importance of using the terminology proposed, seconded and motion approved.</p>	Rebecca Jones
3	<p>Accounts</p> <p>Shaz Nawaz shared the accounts for the year ending 30th of June 2020. Details were shared of how a small surplus has been achieved by reducing administrative costs. But we have focused on reducing our admin expenses. Our surplus has increased to £118,000 compared to £80,000, from last year.</p> <p>Shaz, notified the meeting that he had tendered his resignation and thanked the board, Mike</p>	Shaz Nawaz

	Ogilvie as our accountant, and all the members who had supported him.	
4	<p>Rebecca Jones: Shaz has been through the account in detail and is satisfied that the accounts are a true and fair view.</p> <p>Rebecca Jones: Propose approval of the accounts</p> <p>Lee Jackson: Seconded.</p> <p>Motion: Accounts approved</p>	Rebecca Jones/Shaz Nawaz
7	<p>New Board Roles / President</p> <p>There are no new board roles to vote in at this time. This will be done at the AGM in 2021</p> <p>As Steve Bustin had agreed to extend his presidency as has Dr Lynda Shaw our next president, in order to help us during the pandemic. Therefore there is no need to elect the next president until the AGM in 2021.</p>	Rebecca Jones
9	<p>Closing Remarks from Chairman:</p> <p>I would like to say thank you very much to all of the board, because it has been an unusual year, and the board, Regional presidents and team have worked to keep things going.</p>	Rebecca Jones
10	Meeting closed	Rebecca Jones