

Minutes

Meeting: Resolution Annual General Meeting
Date: 19 May 2023
Time: 9 am
Place: Hilton Metropole
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1.	Welcome & Introductions Peter Burgess (PB), National Secretary, welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was agreed the meeting was quorate.	
2.	Apologies <i>None</i>	
3.	Minutes of the 2022 AGM The minutes were approved: proposed by Melanie Bataillard-Samuel, seconded by Jo Edwards. <i>Noted and approved</i>	
4.	Elections of the Officers and Committee of the Company PB announced the results of the elections for National Committee. There were ten candidates and three places available on National Committee (NC). Candidates: Oluwapelumi Amanda Adeola Chelsey Bayliss Laura Clapton Edward Cooke Marc Etherington Mark Harrop Sean Hilton Matthew Richardson Marjana Uddin Ian Walker Elected: Oluwapelumi Amanda Adeola Laura Clapton Marc Etherington	

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	<p>PB thanked all candidates for running and members for casting votes. There were 777 votes. He encouraged all candidates to consider running again and for members generally to consider stepping forward next year.</p> <p>PB thanked those members of NC standing down: Edward Cooke, Bina Modi and Helen Tulloch.</p> <p>PB confirmed that there are changes to the officers of the company following these elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juliet Harvey steps down as Chair • Grant Cameron is Chair until AGM 2025 • Melanie Bataillard-Samuel joins EC as Vice Chair until AGM 2025 <p>The following officers remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Burgess remains in the role of Secretary • Simon Blain remains in the role of Treasurer <p><u>Noted</u></p>	
5.	<p>Chair's annual report</p> <p>Juliet Harvey (JH) added her congratulations to those newly elected to National Committee and thanked all who had stood in the election as well as those stepping down.</p> <p>JH shared that it had been a pleasure and privilege to serve as Chair. She reflected on her three years in the role and gave prominence to the pandemic which brought challenging but positive change and saw membership numbers sustained throughout.</p> <p>JH encouraged NC and all committees to continue to innovate and to support Resolution's broadchurch and diverse membership to thrive.</p> <p>JH encouraged members to read the most recent Annual Report (2022), which reflects on everything achieved during the last year, some highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to promote equality and diversity • Implementation and success of no-fault divorce • 1k members have accessed training courses such as Resolution Together • Continued development of membership noted by the introduction of Alumni <p>JH urged all members to continue supporting its committees such as YRes and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) as Resolution continues to grow and change.</p> <p>JH thanked Colin Jones, CEO, and the Resolution staff team.</p> <p>PB invited any questions about the Annual Report – there were none.</p> <p>PB thanked Juliet for her remarks and tenure as chair.</p>	

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6.	<p>Company accounts for the twelve-month period ending 31 December 2022</p> <p>Simon Blain (SB), National Treasurer, directed members to scan the QR codes available or visit the website to examine the Annual Accounts 2022 reported as follows:</p> <p>Membership Numbers Membership remained steady with 6351 members remaining or joining Resolution in 2022, a 2% reduction on total member numbers in 2021 but including approx. 600 new joiners. The number reflects the changing demographic of membership including those retiring from practice. We remain a broad-church membership and a third of new members joining in 2022 were Associates from a diverse range of family practice professions.</p> <p>Income Income in 2022 was just shy of £2.3m, a slight rise from 2021. Membership fees make up 2/3rds of our total income. In 2022, income from our training courses and events brought in another 26% (in comparison to 14% in 2021) which reflects the success of activity such as our first in person National Conference since covid lockdown.</p> <p>The remainder of our income came from accreditation, publications, and the returns on our investment funds.</p> <p>Expenditure You can read more about our activity in the Annual Report. For 2022, total expenditure matched income at £2.3m, under the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending on training, accreditation and publications - £1.1million • Membership support - £350k. • Influencing and engagement – media coverage, the awareness-raising week, our work lobbying government on no fault divorce and other matters – £484k. • Office (including training suite) costs – £158k. • Committees and governance - £54k. • Project expenditure - £25k, relates to expenditure previously designated by NC from reserves. These projects are investments to support our members through training and learning, membership activity and continued investment in online services. <p>Reserves Our undesignated reserves were at £700k at the end of 2022. Designated reserves (funds designated to projects over the next 2 – 3 years) were at £175k.</p> <p>We need a reserve of 5-6 months' operating costs to protect us in the highly unlikely event that the organisation must be wound up. With commitments for staff and</p>	

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	<p>premises, we need to hold sufficient funds to cover these, and that's partly what the remaining reserves are there to do.</p> <p>The future</p> <p>SB acknowledged the Resolution team and in particular JH and CJ for managing Resolution's finances well through the pandemic. It's important to reinforce that Resolution is not a profit-making organisation, and that a strong financial position enables focus to continue on delivering more for members.</p> <p>PB invited questions about the Annual Accounts. There were none.</p> <p>PB proposed the first ordinary resolution of the meeting: To receive and adopt the Company's accounts for the twelve-month period ending 31st December 2022, together with the latest directors' report and auditors' report on those accounts.</p> <p>The resolution was put to the vote by a show of hands. There was a unanimous vote in favour with no votes against. There were three proxy votes in favour and none against.</p> <p>As this was an ordinary resolution and therefore needs simple majority, the resolution was passed.</p> <p><u>Approved</u></p>	
8.	<p>Approval of Auditors</p> <p>PB proposed the second ordinary resolution of the meeting: To re-appoint Azets as auditors to hold office from the conclusion of the meeting to the conclusion of the next meeting at which the accounts are laid before the company at remuneration to be determined by the directors.</p> <p>The resolution was put to the vote by a show of hands. There was a unanimous vote in favour with no votes against. There were two proxy votes in favour and one against.</p> <p>As this was an ordinary resolution and therefore needs simple majority, the resolution was passed.</p> <p><u>Approved</u></p>	
10.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>No further questions or business were raised. PB thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	