



Minutes of Aniridia Network Annual General Meeting 2020

21 June 2020, Online

Welcome and review of the 2019/20 year

Dave McKay opened the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The [minutes of the 2019 AGM](#) had been available online and taken to be agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the agreed minutes.

Reports & Accounts

Katie Atkinson presented a summary of the [full annual report](#) on behalf of the Trustees.

Mark Westwood: There is a lot of money in the bank compared to income. Do you have feel for how much the [European Aniridia] Conference is going to cost?

Dave McKay: Yes we have a rough budget but due to the pandemic the costs may change as we may have to change the dynamic of the conference. It may increase fractionally. It's going to cost £45- 50k but we do have to make some up-front commitments and the sponsorship wont necessarily come in before that so we need money in the bank so we can meet those.

Deferment of retirement by rotation of a trustee

Eleanor Burke outline that the trustee board of decided to suspend the voting element of this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) due to COVID-19 and logistical difficulties. We had already given notice by email and website post, that the AGM would take place as a video conference because of social distancing requirements.

As there were no new nominations, the only other agenda item to was to have been to reappoint Katie Atkinson as a trustee. It was her turn to 'retire' under a rotation system, despite serving only 2 years of a normal 3 year term.

The trustees looked at the practicalities of holding an election by post and email. They concluded that a postal vote would be difficult to run efficiently, cheaply and fairly. They also considered the Charity Commission guidance on cancelling AGMs and the context of the currently 4 out of 5 filled trustee posts. As a compromise, the board decided to hold the meeting but waive the requirement for Katie to retire this year. This avoided a vote but still put the team up for scrutiny.

We hope members understand this choice, which was not made lightly. We welcome your questions or comments about it.

Membership

In light of the above and the debate as last year's AGM the board will strive to work on issues relating to voting members, with the goal of proposing one or more solutions to members next year.

Any other business

No other items of business were raised.