

**MINUTES of 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY
and
1st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHARTERED SOCIETY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**8th November 2014
12.15pm**

University of Leicester

The meeting was opened at 12.20pm by Dr Ann Priston (AP) who thanked everyone for their attendance and judged the meeting quorate.

AP noted that student members were welcome to attend the AGM but did not carry a vote.

- 1 Apologies** **ACTION**
Apologies had been received from a number of members and these were noted:
Alistair Brownlie John Cooper
Paul Millen Martin Bloomfield
Anthony Hodgetts Brian Rankin
Niamh Nic Daeid June Guinness
- 2 Minutes of the 54th AGM**
The minutes of the previous AGM were confirmed as an accurate record.
- 3 Matters arising**
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
- AP noted that the agenda for the AGM had been available on the website and the details of the Council nominations and motions for consideration had been previously emailed to the membership. No comments or additions to the agenda had been received.
- 4 Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements**
As communicated with the final notice the annual report was still to be finalised by the accountants due to the transfer of property from the FSSoc to the CSFS. This was being dealt with at present and would be circulated to members as soon as it was available.
- 5 Election of Council Members**
The following Council members had now stepped down from their roles;
Leon Barron – Honorary Editor
Callum Sutherland – Vice President
Andrew Jackson – Ordinary member
Marce Lee-Gorman - Ordinary member

There had been one nomination for the post of Vice President, Mr Colin Ratcliff, who was duly elected unopposed.

There had been one nomination for the post of Honorary Editor, Dr Tim Thompson, who was duly elected unopposed.

There had been four nominations for the two posts of Ordinary Council Member, Mr Howard Atkin, Dr Claire Gwinnet, Dr Lisa Smith and Mr Darren Phillips. This had gone to ballot and the votes had now been tallied. It had been a close run election.

Mr Howard Atkin and Dr Claire Gwinnett were duly elected.

The position of Honorary Treasurer had been vacated due to Dr Anya Hunt stepping down to take up the role of CEO of the Society. There had been no nominations for the role and so Robert Green had agreed to continue to act as Treasurer.

As a result the position of Honorary Secretary was now open. Callum Sutherland had agreed to stay on for a further year to fill this role it could be opened for nominations.

AP thanked all those nominated and congratulated all those appointed. There was a round of applause.

6 Council Structure

Mr Tom Nelson would now take up the mantle as President and AP handed her Presidential medal to Tom. There was a round of applause.

7 Motions for Consideration

On the request of Shirley Marshall the Motions for Consideration were read out.

1. ***Amendments to The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences Bye Laws***

Resolution to accept proposed amendments to the Bye Laws of The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences

The motion was proposed by Barbara Daniel and seconded by Tom Nelson and carried.

2. ***Amendments to Code of Conduct of The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences***

*Resolution to accept proposed amendment that Code of Conduct cover **ALL** members of The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences*

The motion was proposed by Shirley Marshall and seconded by Tim Thompson and carried.

8 **Any Other Business**

As there was no other business Dr Priston thanked everyone for attending.

Tom Nelson added a tribute to AP for all her work and her passion for forensic science and the criminal justice system, and her enthusiasm for the Society. He added that without AP there would not be a Society and thanked her again for all her hard work. She would be a hard act to follow. This was supported by a round of applause.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

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