

Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Basketmakers' Association Limited held on Saturday 21 October 2023 at the Artworkers Guild both live and on zoom link

Present 41 members of the Basketmakers association live and 4 non-members of the Basketmakers' Association who included Rae Gillott (President) and rotating Chairs and members of the Board. Also 8 online members
There were a number in attendance from the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers including the Prime warden Lady Lauriston

Sue Papworth and Clare Revera, the current co-chairs opened the meeting with a welcome and set out the programme for the day. The theme for the day was exhibiting and staging an exhibition. Greg Parsons, an exhibition curator who curated the impressive exhibition Basketry Rhythm, Renewal and Reinvention at the Ruthin Craft Centre in North Wales told us more about his work, his work on past exhibitions, and the art and practicalities of staging an exhibition. After thanking him the guests from the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers were welcomed before the official meeting began at 12 noon.

1. Apologies: Sue Higham

2. Minutes of the 48th AGM held on Saturday, 15 October 2022 via zoom link were approved.

3. Chair's Report

The Chairs report was read out by Sue Papworth who was chairing the meeting. A copy will appear in the November issue of The Journal

The Secretary's Report was read out by Anne Otley on behalf of Sue Higham who is regrettably standing down. A full copy of the Secretary's report will appear in the November 23 edition of the Journal

Treasurer's Report was presented by Pru Todd and will appear in the November 23 copy of the Journal. There have been drawn-out difficulties with banking and the accounts are unaudited at present. They have been presented to the Board and approved.

4. Election of an examiner

The accounts will be independently reviewed by Andrew Donaldson, ACA. It was agreed that Andrew Donaldson, ACA, examines the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024.

5. To elect nominated directors and those willing to serve on the Board of the Basketmakers' Association Limited and to announce the officers as agreed by the board.

A number of people are leaving the board but a number have come forward to join. Their details have been set out in The Journal and they have each been proposed and seconded by a BA member.

If we take together the board members who are to continue on the board and the proposed new members the composition of the Board will be as follows.:

President: Rae Gillott, Chair: Louise Brown, Vice Chair: Anne Otley, Treasurer: Pru Todd, the job of secretary to be shared between other board members and details to be discussed, Jo Brook, Sarah Hatton, Anna Stickland, Fiona Arnold, Angela Edward, Rachel Evans and Rachel Hutton.

The composition of the Board was agreed.

6. Any other Business.

It was agreed that we need to provide money for indexing. Thanks were given to Iris, Bunty and Mary for spending so much of their time on indexing.

At 3pm there was a presentation of cups and awards.

Christiane Sands coiled basketry awards - Halina Ward and Rosie King

The Barbara Maynard Cup (for City Lit students) shared between Stephanie Yeomans and Megs Bellamy

The Joy Viall Award (for Westhope Students): Vivienne Elliot

The Barbara Maynard Competition for winner of the AGM competition, "All the World's a Stage", was judged by the Worshipful members present and presented to Salina Chandler by Sasha Keir, who on their behalf, thanked the BA for their groundbreaking work and offered their support.

The meeting was closed with remarks from the president Rae Gillott who thanked Sue and Clare for chairing the meeting and said what a pleasure it had been to work with those board members who were standing down.

A box was provided for members' suggestions for celebrating our 50th anniversary and the meeting came to a close.