



International Exhibition Co-operative Wine Society Limited
Minutes of the 149th Annual General Meeting
Held on 10 July 2023 at 5.00 pm
At the Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Broad Sanctuary, London SW1P 3EE

In the Chair: Alan Black (Chair)

Present: Eleanor de Kanter (Deputy Chair)
Ken Brown (Committee Member)
Ben Dreyer (Committee Member)
Jennie Farmer (Committee Member)
Steve Finlan (Committee Member and Chief Executive)
Thomas Foster (Committee Member)
Ricard Giner-Sariola (Committee Member)
Mohammed Haque (Committee Member)
Catherine Nunn (Committee Member)

Also Present: Liz Cerroti (Director of Service and Experience)
Karen Coates (Chief Operating Officer)
Dom de Ville (Director of Sustainability and Social Impact)
Rachel Finn (Director of Sales and Marketing)
Pierre Mansour (Director of Wine)
Emily Roskilly (Chief Financial Officer and Society Secretary)
Jenna Walters (PA to the Chair and Chief Executive)
505 members present in person, 128 guests and 268 members attended online.

In attendance: David Beer (Audit Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers)
Rupert Gill (External Lawyer, Brabners LLP)

1. Chair address

The Chair welcomed the members to the 149th Annual General Meeting of The Wine Society and apologised for the late start to the meeting, which started at 5.10 pm due to a slower processing of members attending who, when registering, had to be provided with electronic voting devices.

The Chair introduced the proceedings and explained how the meeting would be run, including the voting arrangements and how questions could be submitted. The Chair noted that this was the first fully hybrid meeting, with members online being able to vote. Members in the room would vote using the electronic devices they had been given when registering so that votes in the room and online could be quickly and accurately tallied. Members participating online were able, if they wished, to ask questions directly to the room. It was noted that this was the first time members had been able to submit questions in advance.

The Chair introduced the other Committee members who were sitting in the room with members.

505 members were in attendance in person at the meeting and 268 members attended online. The meeting was quorate. All members were able to vote, including both those in the room and those online. There were also 128 guests in attendance.

These minutes contain the official short version of the Annual General Meeting. For a recording of the full meeting, please visit [AGM & Annual Review | The Wine Society](#)

The Chair began by saying a few words about The Society and then moved to questions from members. The Chair, the Chief Executive, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Wine answered the questions asked in the room and online and also those asked in advance of the meeting.

2. Report and Accounts for the year ended 27th January 2023

The Chair presented the Report and Accounts. The Chair proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 27th January 2023. The accounts were adopted by 571 in favour and 2 against.

3. Co-opted Members of the Committee

The Chair reported that Elected Members of the Committee could co-opt members to the Committee subject to confirmation by members at the Annual General Meeting following the appointment. It was proposed to ask for confirmation under Rule 27.3 for the appointment of Catherine Nunn for a term of one year from 25 January 2023.

The meeting confirmed the co-option appointment of Catherine Nunn by 564 for and 11 against.

4. Elected Members of the Committee

The Chair reported that Ken Brown retires by rotation at the AGM, pursuant to Rule 23.1, and was standing for re-election.

Jennie Farmer was appointed by the Committee in March 2023 as an elected member to fill the vacancy becoming available on the retirement of Tim Wright. Pursuant to Rule 26.2, Jennie is retiring and is standing for election.

Notices for nomination for the election for both Committee Members were made available to members on the website in accordance with Rule 29.

There were no other nominations for election to the Committee and the Chair, pursuant to Rule 25.1, declared that Ken Brown was re-elected to the Committee and Jennie Farmer was elected to the Committee.

5. The Committee's remuneration

The Chair said that, pursuant to Rule 40, Committee members receive a fee for serving on the Committee and shared details of the fees paid for the year ending 27 January 2023. The Chair mentioned that it had been the practice in recent years to increase the fees in line with the increase awarded to staff in the annual pay review.

It was proposed, therefore, that an increase of 6% be applied to each category of fees for the year ending January 2024.

The proposal was approved by members by 533 in favour and 42 against.

The meeting was declared closed at 6:30pm.