



**International Exhibition Co-operative Wine Society Limited**

**Minutes of the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Held on 11 July 2022 at 5.15 pm**

**At the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London W1R 6EL**

- In the Chair: Alan Black (Chair)
- Present: Eleanor de Kanter (Deputy Chair)  
Ken Brown (Committee Member)  
Jennie Farmer (Committee Member)  
Ben Dreyer (Committee Member)  
Steve Finlan (Committee Member and Chief Executive) – attending online due to Covid  
Thomas Foster (Committee Member)  
Ricard Giner-Sariola (Committee Member)  
Mohammed Haque (Committee Member)  
Mike Thompson MBE (Committee Member)
- Also Present: Liz Cerroti (Director of Sales & Experience)  
Karen Coates (Chief Operating Officer)  
Pierre Mansour (Director of Wine)  
Emily Roskilly (Chief Financial Officer)  
Georgina Crowhurst (Company Secretary and Legal Counsel)  
Rachel Finn (Director of Sales and Marketing)  
Stephanie Stewart (Strategy Programme and Projects Manager) – attending online  
Becci Chatterton (Campaign Marketing Manager)  
Gill Tyler (PA to the Chief Executive)  
374 members present in person, 68 guests and 418 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 148<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Wine Society.

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 introduced the Committee members who were sitting in the room with members.

374 members were in attendance in person at the meeting, 68 guests were in attendance, and 418 members attended online. The meeting was quorate. Voting would be in person – not for those attending online.

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. Members asked questions, both in the room and online, which were answered by the Chair, the CEO and the Director of Wine.

**2. Report and Accounts for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The Chair presented the Report and Accounts. The Chair proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The proposal was approved unanimously, without objections.

### **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 Benjamin William Dreyer.

The meeting confirmed the co-option appointment of Benjamin William Dreyer, on a show of hands, for a term of one year from 30 September 2021.

The Chair explained that he was proposing to amend resolution 3 in the notice of the AGM (in accordance with legal advice) by including a resolution to confirm the appointment of Jennie Farmer as a Co-Opted Member of the Committee for a term of one year from 25 May 2022. It had not been possible to include her in the notice of the AGM because she had been co-opted after it had been sent out. The amendment was approved on a show of hands as was the subsequent vote to confirm her appointment.

### **4. Elected Members of the Committee**

The Chair reported that Mike Thompson MBE retires by rotation at the AGM and is not standing for re-election.

Mohammed Haque, who was, in January 2022, appointed an Elected Member by the Committee under Rule 26.1 to fill the vacancy arising on the retirement of Paula Carter, had retired immediately before the meeting pursuant to Rule 26.2 and is standing for re-election. The Committee recommended his re-election.

Benjamin William Dreyer, currently a Co-opted Member, was standing for election to fill the vacancy becoming available on the retirement of Mike Thompson MBE. The Committee recommended his election.

Notices for nomination for the election for both Committee Members were made available to members attending in person and online and tabled at the meeting.

There were no other nominations for election to the Committee. Therefore, the Chair declared that Mohammed Haque was re-elected to the Committee and Benjamin William Dreyer was elected to the Committee (under Rule 25.1).

### **5. The Committee's remuneration**

The Chair said that Committee members receive a fee for serving on the Committee. Details of the fees were made available to members attending in person and online. 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 3.5% (the same increase as was awarded to staff) be applied to each category of fees for the year ending January 2023.

The proposal was approved by members on a show of hands.

The meeting was declared closed at 6:20pm.