



Association of Independent Museums

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

13 June 2024

**1 To Note Any Apologies for Absence, and Notification of Any Proxy**

Attendance at the in-person AGM was recorded. The Chair noted no apologies or proxies had been received. Papers had been circulated online.

**2 To Approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 15 June 2023**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the AGM held on 15 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**3 To Address Any Matters Arising**

None.

**4 To Receive the Annual Report & Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The Chair thanked AIM's funders and the benefits their investments bring to AIM's members, thanked the Board for their expertise, and thanked the staff team.

The Chair highlighted AIM's development over the last year. This included:

- Noting that the annual report is joined this year by a new impact report focusing on a readable version of AIM's activity and achievements during the year;
- Noting that grants awarded increased significantly in 2023, with thanks to AIM's funders'
- Recognising the start in April 2023 of the new Arts Council England National Portfolio including AIM as an Investment Principles Support Organisation, noting that this funding, which makes up a significant portion of AIM's unrestricted annual funds, enables significant support to members and the sector;
- Highlighting the well-performing Board, with a number of recent trustees settling in from appointments in 2021, 2022, and 2023;
- Continuing provision of a range of support to members, including Spark! Which was providing much-needed peer support to independent museum leaders;
- Assuring members of AIM's secure financial position, with a modest surplus in 2023, advising that AIM is looking at planning and how to use the surplus reserves to do more.

The audit of the Annual Report and Accounts is complete and they are presented without qualification. The Chair asked the membership to endorse the Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

RESOLVED: That the members receive the Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## **5 Election of Trustees / Directors / Members of the AIM Council (Board)**

The Chair thanked Gurminder Kenth, who had stepped down during the year.

There were no newly nominated trustees. The Chair set out the proposed re-election of six Board members appointed by the Board in accordance with Article 56. All such re-appointments are subject to the approval of Members at the following AGM.

RESOLVED: That the following Board members be elected to serve their third and final three-year term:

Mhairi Cross  
Rhannon Goddard (Deputy Chair)

RESOLVED: That the following Board members be elected to serve their second three-year term:

Sajida Carr  
Sarah Duthie  
Emily Frankish (nee Hope)  
Nathaniel Hepburn

## **6 To Approve the Appointment of External Auditors**

RESOLVED: That Crowe UK (Oldbury, West Midlands) be appointed as external auditors until the next Annual General Meeting, and that the Board be delegated to fix the remuneration of the auditors.

## **7 Any Other Business**

The Chair noted that AIM is seeking a trustee with finance expertise and invited interested parties to contact Board members.

## **8 Date & Time of Next Annual General Meeting**

It was expected that the next AGM will take place during the AIM National Conference on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2025.