

Annual General Meeting

To be held at AIM National Conference, Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens,
Woodland Road, Durham, DH7 7DW, 11:00am on 10 June 2026.

Agenda, Reports & Recommendations

- 1 To Note Any Apologies for Absence, and Notification of Any Voting Proxies
- 2 To Approve the Minutes of AGM, 18 June 2025
- 3 To Address Any Matters Arising
- 4 To Receive the Annual Report & Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Report

- 4.1 Following approval by the Board at its meeting on 5 May 2026 and completion of the external audit by Crowe UK LLP, Members are invited to receive the Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Annual Report & Accounts are available for inspection at www.aim-museums.co.uk

- 5 To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:-

Special Resolution

THAT, with effect from the conclusion of the meeting, the articles of association of the Company be amended:

- 5.1 by deleting article 46.2 and replacing it with the following new article 46.2:

“Vice-Chairs who shall be elected by the Board from among its members. The Vice-Chairs will be senior representatives of the Company and generally support and assist the Chair and deputise for the Chair;”

- 5.2 by deleting article 55 and replacing it with the following new article 55:

“A retiring member of the Board shall be eligible for re-election subject to that Board member serving a maximum of no more than three terms of office unless the Board makes a recommendation, in exceptional circumstances, for a further term, in which case, the retiring member may be appointed for a fourth and final term.”

By order of the Board.

The effect and rationale of the first amendment is to formalise existing practice and bring the Vice or Deputy Chair appointment in line with the Chair appointment, where they are drawn from existing trustees and recommended to the membership for appointment.

The effect and rationale of the second amendment is to provide the Board with greater flexibility to respond to either external events or internal priorities by retaining Board members with special leadership, skills, knowledge or experience in exceptional circumstances as identified by the Board.

6 Election of Members of the Board (Trustees/Directors of AIM)

Report

- 6.1 At its meeting on 5 May 2026, the Board co-opted, in accordance with Article 56, three new members of the Board. All such appointments are subject to the approval of Members at the following (today's) AGM:

Carol King
Alexander Patterson
Laura Sears

- 6.2 Summary biographies are included as part of the AGM agenda/papers.

- 6.3 Members are invited to elect Carol, Alex and Laura to serve in a personal capacity as Trustee and Member of the Board for an initial term of three years. Further terms are subject to approval at an AGM.

- 6.4 In accordance with Article 55, the second three-year term of existing Board Members and Trustees, Christine Bernath, Laura Crossley, Philip Dolling, and Alexander Ratcliffe, expires at today's AGM. Christine, Laura, Phil and Alex are standing for re-election for a second term of three years, and Members are recommended to re-elect them to the Board. All such appointments are subject to the approval of Members at the following (today's) AGM:

Christine Bernath
Laura Crossley
Philip Dolling
Alexander Ratcliffe

In accordance with Article 55 as amended per special resolution proposed above, the third three-year term of existing Board Member, Trustee, and Chair Rhiannon Goddard expires at AGM 2027. Rhiannon is standing for re-election to an exceptional fourth and final term. The Board recommends her re-election to members to provide continuity of chair during the important National Portfolio reapplication process expected to begin later this year and to enable AIM's first openly appointed chair to serve a full term. This appointment is subject to approval at the following (today's) AGM:

Rhiannon Goddard

6.5 For information, other existing members of the Board are not due for re-election at today's AGM.

7 To Approve the Appointment of External Auditors

Report

7.1 Members are recommended to re-appoint Crowe UK LLP (Oldbury, West Midlands) to be the Charity's external Auditors for the following year, and to delegate authority to the Board to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

7.2 For information, Crowe UK LLP were first appointed at the Association's AGM on 20 June 2019. The service provided by Crowe continues to be of a high standard and the professional relationship with the Association is positive.

8 Any Other Business

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8.1 Any other items that Members wish to be considered at this AGM should be submitted by 2 June 2026 to aimadmin@aim-museums.co.uk and marked in subject field, AIM AGM.

9 Date & Time of Next Annual General Meeting

Report

9.1 It is expected that the next AGM will take place during the AIM National Conference on 9 June 2027, as requisitioned by the Board.

ENDS.