

Annual General Meeting of CIPFA Scotland

Friday 15th May 2014, 1pm

**Glasgow City Chambers
George Square
Glasgow City
G2 1DU**

Agenda

No	Item	Paper
1	Apologies	
2	Minutes of the last AGM of 16th May 2014	01.05.15
3	Chair's Annual Report 2014-2015	Annual Report
4	Treasurer's Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2014	Annual Report
5	Proposal for Office Bearers and Committee Members	02.05.15
6	Address by New Chair of CIPFA in Scotland	
7	AOCB	
8	Close	

minutes

Minutes of the 2014 AGM of CIPFA Scotland

The annual General Meeting of CIPFA Scotland took place on Friday 16 May 2014 in the Glasgow City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow G2 1DU.

Gary Devlin, Chair of CIPFA Scotland chaired the meeting.

Present Gary Devlin, Chair of CIPFA Scotland
Christine McLaughlin, Senior Vice Chair
Alan Wood, Honorary Treasurer
Plus members

1. Welcome by Chair of CIPFA in Scotland

Gary Devlin welcomed members to the meeting and outlined the format of the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been intimated for the meeting by Bert Allison, David Archibald, Jean Douglas and Trisha Smith.

3. Minutes of the last AGM of 21st June 2013

The minutes of the previous AGM were submitted and approved.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chair's Annual Report 2013-14

Gary provided members with a review of this year as Chair. He focussed initially on the theme of reconnecting with not just the membership but also with employers, stakeholders and student members. He commented on his letter introducing the engagement strategy that had been sent out for consultation and noted the positive feedback that had been received.

There had been a number of significant changes during the year including changes in the CIPFA Scotland Office and Gary congratulated Angela Scott on her appointment with Aberdeen City Council and the recent announcement that she had since been appointed as Chief Executive.

In her time as Head of CIPFA Scotland, Angela had done an outstanding job and there had been a smooth transition with Don Peebles taking over the role. Gary thanked Don for his support and for the hard work of his office noting that the branch was very grateful for their support.

There had been changes at CIPFA too following a few years with financial challenges. A new Chief Executive had been appointed and there was now substantial confidence in the future of the Institute.

A further aspect of change was the ongoing internationalisation of the Institute which was bringing a new range of opportunities for CIPFA.

There was an ongoing theme of CIPFA having a greater voice in public service debates – this was seen as clear evidence of CIPFA making a difference.

Gary's closing remarks focussed on the very successful CIPFA Scottish Conference which had been held in March. There had been a number of innovative changes to the format including the introduction of the Public Finance Awards and the conference had recorded the highest attendance for many years.

6. Treasurer's Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2013

Alan Wood introduced the Honorary Treasurers Report on the 2013 Annual Accounts noting that the overall financial performance was similar to that in 2012. Income was £15k lower and expenditure was £17k lower, producing a broadly break-even position with net incoming resource of £1,560 resulting in final balances carried forward at 31 December 2013 of £97,589

The Branch has developed plans to use these reserves to help deliver its strategic aims over the next 5 years. Alan noted that the strategic approach taken to the use of reserves is proving a valuable planning tool and complements the financial governance of the Branch. Alan took the opportunity to thank Aberdeenshire Council, CIPFA Scotland Office and the auditor Margaret Donald, for their support to him in this role.

There were a number of questions from the floor on topics covering the planned use of reserves, sponsorship opportunities for students outwith the UK and employer engagement. Gary agreed to ensure these were discussed further at the Branch Executive meetings.

7. Proposed Changes to Constitution

Christine McLaughlin advised that whilst there had been discussion on the topic of the Chair's tenure, this was ongoing and therefore there were no proposed changes to the constitution at this time.

8. Office Bearers 2014-15

The following members were proposed and approved as office bearers for the forthcoming year;

Alison Cumming

Paul Gallagher

Carol Potter

The following changes to the Executive Committee were approved;

Christine McLaughlin, Chair

David Robertson, Senior Vice-Chair

Mark White, Vice-Chair

Christine McLaughlin was then installed as the new Chair of the CIPFA Scotland and presented with her badge by Gary Devlin.

9. Addressed by New Chair of CIPFA in Scotland

Christine expressed her thanks to those attending today and expressed her sense of pride in being appointed Chair, noting it was a great time to be taking up the role with so much happening in CIPFA, Scotland and the public sector.

She praised Gary for his successful term of office noting that he had worked hard to put a lot in place for her to build on.

The 3 main development areas were the advocacy strategy, a focus on the 'rounded public finance professional' and the continuing connection with Branch Members.

Christine expressed her thanks to her director John Matheson for his support to her in this role and for his continuing support to the Institute.

Christine noted that the 2015 Scottish Conference would be held at the Beardmore again and would hopefully be as successful as the recent one, adding that she was open to any ideas or suggestions for the conference.

Christine presented Gary with his past-chair's badge

10. Other Business

There was no other business. The meeting was then closed.

Proposals for Office Bearers 2015

The CIPFA in Scotland Constitution and Rules require that Office Bearer positions are reviewed annually and that the Executive Committee, prior to each Annual General Meeting shall select their nominations for the Office Bearer Posts for the forthcoming year.

Taking into account the current Office Bearers the undernoted nominations for the 2015 Office Bearers have been considered and selected by the current Executive Committee as follows:

Chair	David Robertson
Senior Vice-Chair	Mark White
Vice-Chair	To be announced
Honorary Treasurer	Alasdair Black
Honorary Auditor	Claire Gardiner
Past Chair and Rep on Institute Council	Christine McLaughlin

Members are invited to consider and approve these proposals for the Office Bearers for 2015.



Christine McLaughlin
Chair, CIPFA Scotland Branch