

Below you will find the Minutes of the WAPI AGM, which was held on Friday 15th October 2004

World Association of Professional Investigators - 2003/2004 AGM
Held at Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Watford On Friday 15th October 2004.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Opening Address 16.30: The meeting was declared open by the Chairman Mr Ian Withers.

2. Attendance: Members present were:
Ian Withers, Stuart Withers, Beverley Flynn, John Edwards, John Hope, Veronica King, Keith Walker, Matt Thomas, Rick Howatson.
Also present Mr Matthias Willenbrink, WAPI Member)
Miriam Ettisch-Enchelmaier WAPI Honorary Member)
Eva Anderson (Translator) Mrs Matthias Willenbrink

3. Apologies for non-attendance: Tony Smith sends his apologies for not being able to attend.

4. Minutes of the last GC meeting at Bower House on the 6th October 2004 were read out by the General Secretary.

5. Annual Reports: Mr Ian Withers presented his Annual Report as Chairman. Mr John Edwards presented his Annual Report as Vice Chairman.
Mr Stuart Withers presented his Annual Report as Treasurer.
Beverley Flynn presented her Annual Report as Membership Secretary.
Matt Thomas presented his Annual Report as General Secretary.

6. All serving members of the Governing Council resigned from their position.

7. Election of Officers: Officers offering themselves for re-election were:

Mr Ian Withers - Chairman (re-elected un-opposed)
Beverley Flynn - Lady Vice Chairman (elected un-opposed)
Mr Stuart Withers - Treasurer (re-elected un-opposed)

In addition the following are standing:

Mr John Hope - Press Officer (re-elected un-opposed)
Mr Keith Walker - Training & Education Officer (elected un-opposed)
Veronica King - Mentor (elected un-opposed)
Mr Tony Smith - Moderator of e-group (elected un-opposed)

Overseas Representatives appointed/re-appointed
Mr Rick Howatson - European Representative - re-appointed
Mr Warren Levicoff - North America Representative - appointed

8. Any Other Business:

a. Any GC Member wanting to stand for Chairman must have stood as Vice Chairman previously. Proposed by Ian Withers, seconded by John Hope.

b. Overseas Membership to be absorbed within the category of Full Members and have the right to a vote. In line with this decision Overseas Membership subscription will be increased to £100 upon renewal.

c. The Full Membership Criteria of 5 years in full time employment within the profession to be considered as a full WAPI Member is to be reduced to 3 years (or have suitable qualifications).

The membership system will be tiered as follows:-

Student Membership = valid
for 1 full year only
Associate Membership = valid
for 2 full years only
Full Membership = 3 years
full time experience
Honorary Membership is at
the discretion of the GC.

d. The reintroduction of Corporate Membership was discussed and Proposed, but not carried (5 -V- 2 with One Absent) Motion set aside for the time being.

e) The Proposal to appoint GC Member Tony Smith as both Complaints & Discipline Secretary and as Moderator of UK" was carried.

f) The Proposal to appoint GC Member Keith Walker as Training & Qualifications Secretary was carried

g) The Proposal to appoint GC Member Veronica King as Mentor was carried

There was no other business for discussion and the meeting closed at 19.00 hours

The time and date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.