



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th October 2011

Present: Patricia Astwood, Judith Harwood, Peter Glover (Wakefield GA), Cllr Linda Burgess, Christopher Webb (Barnsley College), Steve Brailsford, governors representing 26 schools.

Apologies: Dan Jarvis MP, Michael Dugher MP, Maggie Francis, governors representing 7 schools.

1) **Welcome:** James Lennon, Chair of the BGA Steering Group, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a presentation on the work the Steering Group has done since being set up in January this year.

2) **Resolutions:** Steve Brailsford took the chair for the consideration by the meeting of five resolutions proposed by the Steering Group:

- (i) That the AGM approve the Barnsley Governors Association Constitution:
Carried, with 24 schools in favour.
- (ii) That the local authority be appointed as auditors for the BGA accounts:
Carried, with 24 schools in favour.
- (iii) That the ten nominations already received for the Executive of the BGA be accepted:
Carried, with 25 schools in favour.
and that the nominations from the floor of Pat Doyle and Wendy Walker to the BGA Executive be accepted: **Carried.**
- (iv) That the Steering Group's nominations for the four officers of the BGA, Michael Sanderson, Chair; Adrian England, Vice Chair; Margaret Gostelow, Secretary; Sharon Cook, Treasurer be accepted: **Carried.**
- (vi) That the annual subscription for governing bodies to the BGA be £50.
Carried, with 25 schools in favour.

3) **Accounts:** James Lennon reported that the Steering Group received £1050 from the local authority. £315 was spent on expenses for the website and stationery costs etc., and £450 was spent on affiliating the BGA to the NGA on behalf of all Barnsley schools.

4) **Speakers:**

Patricia Astwood, Regional Director for Yorkshire and Humberside, spoke about the National Governors Association and welcomed the establishment of the BGA.

Judith Harwood, Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families BMBC, spoke about the Barnsley Challenge Partnership and the local authority's wish to work with school governors.

James Lennon spoke about the BGA's plans and launched the website www.barnsleyga.org. He went on to thank the speakers, Barnsley College for hosting the AGM, John and David Gostelow for setting up the website, and retiring members of the Steering Group: John McDougall and Glen Banks.

Michael Sanderson thanked James Lennon for his leadership of the Steering Group.

Members then adjourned for refreshments and informal discussions.