

### **Minutes of AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 at Barnsley College.**

**Present:** 19 governors, representing 18 schools, Rachel Dickinson (BMBC), Sara Morrissey (BMBC), Kate Davies (Worsbrough Common Primary School), Peter Steadman (The Dearne ALC) and Palvinder Singh (Barnsley College).

**1) Welcome from the Chair of the BGA.**

**2) Apologies for absence:** L Marsh, M Neal, E Sanderson, M Temperton, M Francis (BMBC), P Lawson (BMBC).

**3) Minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012** were agreed.

**4) Matters arising from the minutes:** none.

**5) Approval of accounts:** a written report was tabled and the accounts were approved. Thanks were given to S Cook, BGA treasurer, who is now standing down from this position.

**6) Nominations and elections to the BGA Executive Committee:** a list of nine valid nominations with supporting statements was tabled and those nominated were approved as Executive Committee members until the next AGM. There are three vacancies on the Executive Committee; governors with the necessary skills will be sought.

**7) Report of the Executive Committee:** a written report was tabled. M Sanderson highlighted the fact that each member of the Executive Committee has a specific working role covering an area of the BGA's Plan. Our website remains a key resource for governors who want to find out or exchange information, along with monthly newsletters and termly reports to governing bodies, and we will continue to organise conferences and training courses. Two of the areas we will focus on in the coming year are partnership and collaboration between governing bodies and measuring the effectiveness of governing bodies. It is vital that we respond to changes in education which impact on governors.

**8) Questions arising from the Report:** none.

**10) Review of the constitution:** no amendments were proposed.

**11) Resolutions:** no resolutions were proposed.

**12) Election of BGA officers:** the following were proposed and elected: Chair, M Sanderson; Vice Chair, A England; Treasurer, J McDougall; Secretary, M Gostelow.

**13) Appointment of auditors:** it was proposed that BMBC remain as the BGA's auditors and this was agreed with none against.

**14) Agreement of subscriptions:** it was agreed that the subscription for a governing body would remain at £50 pa, payable on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the subscription for an individual associate governor would remain at £10 pa.

**Speaker: Rachel Dickinson 'Being the best; what does it take?'**

Participants then had the opportunity to join discussion groups as follows:

**Kate Davies: Parental Engagement**

**Peter Steadman: Performance Management**

**Steve Brailsford: Collaboration and Federation by Governing Bodies**

**Michael Sanderson: Becoming an Academy**

**John Gostelow: the BGA Website**

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm.**