



Minutes of the Centre for Global Equality

Annual General Meeting, 2016

April 12th, 2016

5:30pm; Christs College, Cambridge

Attendees

Centre for Global Equality Trustees

- Dominic Vergine (Chair of the Board of Trustees, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Amy Weatherup (Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Charlotte Sankey (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality; Director, Creative Warehouse)
- Bhaskar Vira (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality; Director, University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute & Reader in Political Economy of Environment and Development, Department of Geography)
- Alison Walsham (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)

Centre for Global Equality Staff and Volunteers

- Lara Allen (Director, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Annabel Bennett (Business and Operations Manager, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Tooba Malik (Volunteer, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Gabrielle Arengé (Vice President, The Centre for Global Equality Student Society)

Centre for Global Equality Members and General Attendees

- John Binns (Partners for Change Ethiopia)
- Jane Carpenter (Independent consultant, Global Thinking)
- Jerry Carr-Brion (Cambridge Oxfam Group)
- Thomas Daley (Aptivate)
- Clare Hanbury (Children for Health)
- Tobias Hanbury (Children for Health)
- Tom Lord (Aptivate)
- Lynn McGoff (SOWTech CIC)
- John Mullett (SOWTech CIC)
- Jason Pennells (Cambridge Education)
- Keith Ricketts (Independent consultant, Keith Ricketts Education Media Training)
- Keith Virgo (Tropical Agriculture Association)
- Geoff Walsham (Emeritus Professor, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge)

Apologies

- Shelley Gregory-Jones (Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Andrew Lamb (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Elpie Bannister (Trustee The Centre for Global Equality)
- Steve Jones (Emeritus Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Centre for Global Equality)
- Theodore Menelik-Nfuni (Member Representative Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality) CEO, Menelik Education)
- Ben Britton (Member Representative Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality Office Coordinator, Concordis International)
- Balbir Datta (Rama Foundation)
- Gino Henry (RedR Cambridge)
- Eeva John (Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan University Partnership)
- Hilary Papworth (English Language Studies for Tibetans)
- Ian Sanderson (Afrinspire)
- Catherine Squire (Independent consultant)

1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting

Dominic Vergine, Chair of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the attendees and outlined the agenda.

2. Minutes of the Centre for Global Equality AGM held on 30 March 2015

Dominic Vergine asked if there were any comments on the minutes from 2014. There were none.

The minutes of the meeting were proposed as correct by Tom Lord, and seconded by Alison Walsham, and signed. There were no matters arising.

(See Accompanying Document 1 attached.)

3. Reports and Accounts

3.1 Overview of Humanitarian Centre activities in the last financial year, 2014-15, and significant activities of the Centre for Global Equality in the current financial year, 2015-16.

(Presented by Lara Allen, Director)

Lara Allen an overview of programme highlights including the main events of the Global Food Futures themed year (August 2013-July 2014). The main points drawn attention to were as follows:

Lara Allen provided an overview of the current year (August 2014 to the present). The main points highlighted were as follows:

Keith Virgo asked why the AGM couldn't be in the summer following our financial year in July? The Director explained that final accounts take several months to produce and be approved by the independent examiners.

3.2 Report on the accounts for the period 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015 and the report of the independent examiners.

(Presented by Amy Weatherup (Treasurer of the Board of Trustees))

An overview of the 2014-2015 year was presented with particular note made of the following:

- The Accounts cover the period from the 1st of August 2014 to the 31st of July 2015 during which period the name of the organisation was the Humanitarian Centre. The organisation's name was changed to the Centre for Global Equality at the start of the new financial year in August 2015.
- Thanks is extended to our donors and supporters, particularly our major donor who continued to support us during 2014-15 and 2015-16 through the Charities Aid Foundation. The final instalment of this grant was received in July 2015.
- Thanks is also extended to:
 - Trinity College, Cambridge, and ARM for support to establish the Technology for Development Hub in Chesterton Tower;
 - ARM, Cambridge University Press, Key Travel, Langham Press and Creative Warehouse for supporting the production and publication of the 2014 Cambridge International Development Report;
 - The Golden Bottle Trust (funded by C. Hoare & Co.), Emmanuel College and Hughes Hall for ongoing support of meetings and events.
- Income was received from membership fees (both organisations and individuals), and from consultancy fees for relevant work carried out by staff for external agencies.
- There was a net surplus of £138,591 on 31st July 2015, which included funding donated in advance for 2015-16.
- The largest budget items are staff and office costs, including office rent.
- For most of the year two full-time staff, including the Director, were employed as well as a number of part-time staff who together made up the full time equivalent of the third staff member who was on maternity leave.
- Staff costs were substantially higher than for 2013-14 year when there was no Director in post for most of the year.

- Office costs were also higher as a result of moving into our current office in January 2014.
- Overall expenditure stayed within the planned budget for the year.
- The organisation’s reserves policy remains three months’ average expenditure, which totals £45,000.

Questions were invited from the floor about the organisation’s finances.

There were no questions.

(See Accompanying Document 2 attached.)

4. Appointment of Trustees

(Chaired by Dominic Vergine, Chair of the Board of Trustees)

4.1 Current Trustee Board and proposals for 2015-16.

The Chair provided an overview of the current Board of Trustees and the proposed changes to the board for the 2016-17 year as indicated in the following table.

	2008 - 2009	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
Amy (Mokady) Weatherup	App 05.05.09							
Dominic Vergine			App 01.02.10					
Alison Walsham			App 11.03.11					
Shelley Gregory - Jones					App 16.10.12			Propose reappointment
Andrew Lamb					App 16.10.12			Propose reappointment
Charlotte Sankey					App 16.10.12			Propose reappointment
Bhaskar Vira					App 16.10.12			Propose reappointment
Ben Britton						Elec 06.03.14		
Theodore Menelik						Elec 06.03.14		
Elsbeth Bannister							App 30.03.15	
Rob Cameron								Propose for appointment
Toby Norman								Propose for election
Key: Terms of Office holders	First Term		Second Term		Third Term			

4.2 Re-appointment of Trustees retiring by rotation.

The following Trustees retired from the Board by rotation as they have each completed a three year term: Shelley Gregory-Jones; Andrew Lamb; Charlotte Sankey; Bhaskar Vira.

It was proposed by Amy Weatherup, and seconded by Keith Virgo, that the following Trustees be appointed for a further term of three years: Shelley Gregory-Jones; Andrew Lamb; Charlotte Sankey; Bhaskar Vira.

All voted in favour.

4.3 Appointment of new Trustees.

Rob Cameron was proposed as a new Trustee by Alison Walsham , and seconded by Jane Carpenter

The majority of voting members present voted in favour.

4.4 Election of a Member Representative onto the Board of Trustees.

The Chair thanked the two Member Representatives who have served on the Board of Trustees for the past two years, Theodore Menelik and Ben Britton, for the significant contribution they have made to the organisation during their term in office.

Toby Norman, CEO of member organisation SimPrints, what voted in as the Member Representative for the next two years by a majority of voting members present.

Proposed by Tom Daley, and seconded by Ian Tod

5. Proposed Resolutions

5.1 Appointment and remuneration of independent examiners

On behalf of the Board of trustees, Amy Weatherup proposed the appointment of Chater Allan as independent examiners for the 2016-17 financial year, and that the CGE trustees be authorised to set the remuneration of the independent examiners. The motion was seconded by Clare Hanbury and was passed.

6. Any other business.

On behalf of the Centre for Global Equality Dominic Vergine thanked the following for their contribution to the success of the AGM: Christ's College, Cambridge; the CGE Student Committee and Hannah Franklin in particular; Annabel Bennett and all the CGE volunteers; past and present trustees and the active participation of CGE members and supporters.

Tom Lord announced that Aptivate has four to five desks in their office that could be made available to people in the CGE network. Anyone who wishes to follow up this opportunity is welcome to contact Aptivate through the Centre for Global Equality.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 6.46pm.

Accompanying Documents:

1. Minutes of the Humanitarian Centre Annual General Meeting of 30 March 2015.
2. The Humanitarian Centre Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2015.