



Minutes of the Centre for Global Equality

Annual General Meeting, 2018

May 2nd 2018; 5:30pm

Rayleigh Seminar Room, Maxwell Centre, Cambridge

Attendees

Centre for Global Equality Trustees

- Shelley Gregory-Roberts (Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, The Centre for Global Equality; representative by proxy Simprints)
- Charlotte Sankey (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality; Director, Creative Warehouse)
- Alan Blackwell (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality; Professor, University of Cambridge)
- David Good (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality; Professor, University of Cambridge; Trustee, Africa's Voices Foundation)

Centre for Global Equality Staff and Volunteers

- Lara Allen (CEO, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Sophie Mower (Business and Operations Manager, The Centre for Global Equality)

Centre for Global Equality Member Organisations

- Peter Jones (Partners for Change Ethiopia)
- Keith Ricketts (Independent consultant, Global Thinking)
- Keith Virgo (Tropical Agriculture Association)
- Alexander Patto (WaterScope)
- John Mullett (SOWTech CIC)
- Ian Sanderson (Afrinspire)
- Oscar Gillespie (Techfugees Cambridge)
- Peter Knight (Majico; representative by proxy Bridges for Enterprise)
- Samer Kurdi (Majico; representative by proxy Blue Tap)
- Kitty Liao (Ideabatic)

Centre for Global Equality Individual Members

- Geoff Walsham (Emeritus Professor, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge)
- Alison Walsham (University of Cambridge)
- Edith Marie Esch (Emeritus Fellow, Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge)

Apologies

- Dominic Vergine (Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Andrew Lamb (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Toby Norman (Member Representative Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Steve Jones (Emeritus Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Centre for Global Equality)
- Munish Datta (Rama Foundation)
- Jason Pennells (Cambridge Education)
- Hugh Brammer (Tropical Agriculture Association)

1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting

Shelley Gregory-Roberts, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the attendees and outlined the agenda.

2. Minutes of the Centre for Global Equality AGM held on 8 May 2017

Shelley Gregory-Roberts asked if there were any comments on the minutes from 2017. There were none. The minutes of the meeting were proposed as correct by Geoff Walsham, and seconded by Alison Walsham, and signed. There were no matters arising.

3. Reports and Accounts

3.1 Overview of Centre for Global Equality activities in the last financial year, 2016-17, and significant activities of the Centre for Global Equality in the current financial year, 2017-18.

(Presented by Lara Allen, CEO)

Lara Allen gave an overview of programme highlights including

- International Development Practice
- International Development Research
- Innovation for International Development

Keith Virgo asked how CGE is involved with TIGR2ESS. Lara Allen explained that CGE is a partner organization (a non-research NGO) of this research consortium. CGE's role, like that of NGO partner organisations in India, is to support the implementation of research activities. LA to meet with Keith Virgo to provide further details.

3.2 Report on the accounts for the period 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 and the report of the independent examiners.

(Shelley Gregory-Jones, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees)

An overview of the 2016-2017 year was presented with particular note made of the following:

Thanks to donors and supporters:

- Particularly our major donor who continued to support us during 2016-17 and 2017-18 through the NPT-UK. The main instalment of this grant was received in June 2017.
- Also thanks to ARM for continuing support of the CGE Cultivator.
- Received two restricted grants: (i) from the Happold Foundation to establish a proof concept World Engineering Index; (ii) Grant to the Cultivator venture OpenDiagnostics.
- Donations were received from the public, particularly to support the Cultivator, and from the Department of Plant Sciences, St Johns College and Trinity College, University of Cambridge to support the Cultivator and the International Development Conference.
- The Centre for Global Equality would also like to thank Murray Edwards College, the Institute for Manufacturing, Department of Engineering, and the Department of Education at the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University for in kind support with the hosting of meetings and events.
- Income was also received from membership fees (organisations and individuals) and consultancy fees for relevant work carried out by staff for external agencies.
- Membership fees went down but income from consultancy and payments for services increased.
- There was a net surplus of £28,915 on 31st July 2017, which included funding donated in advance for 2017-18.
- The largest budget items are staff and office costs including rent.
- For most of the year there were 1.5 full-time staff, including the CEO: this is a reduced staff as compared to the previous year, resulting in lower staff costs. Costs under bookkeeping and website include paying external contractors.
- Expenditure stayed below the planned budget for the year.
- Reserves policy remains as three months' average expenditure (circa £33k).
- There were freed reserves of £90,181 on 31st July 2017, which included funding donated in advance for 2017-18. This was brought forward into the present financial year.

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

There were no questions.

4. Appointment of Trustees

(Chaired by Shelley Gregory-Roberts, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees)

4.1 Current Trustee Board and proposals for 2018-19.

The Chair provided an overview of the current Board of Trustees and the proposed changes to the board for the 2018-19 year.

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: Andrew Lamb; Charlotte Sankey; Bhaskar Vira.

It was proposed by John Mullet, and seconded by Alison Walsham, that Shelley Gregory-Jones be appointed for a further term of three years.

All voted in favour.

4.3 Appointment of new Trustees.

The appointment of Prof Alan Blackwell, Dr David Good and Lynda Connon was proposed by Charlotte Sankey and seconded by Keith Virgo.

The majority of voting members present voted in favour.

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

The Vice Chair thanked Toby Norman, the Member Representative who has served on the Board of Trustees for the past year, for the significant contribution he made to the organisation during his term in office.

Alexander Patto, CEO of member organisation WaterScope, was voted in as the Member Representative for the next two years by unanimous vote.

Acceptance of this vote was proposed by John Mullet, and seconded by Alison Walsham.

5. Proposed Resolutions

5.1 Appointment and remuneration of independent examiners

On behalf of the Board of trustees, Keith Ricketts 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 John Mullet and was passed.

6. Any other business.

On behalf of the Centre for Global Equality Shelley Gregory-Roberts thanked the following for their contribution to the success of the AGM.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.