



Minutes of the Centre for Global Equality

Annual General Meeting, 2020

28th May 2020; 5:30pm

Video Conference Call

Attendees

Centre for Global Equality Trustees

- Dominic Vergine (Chair of the Board of Trustees, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Shelley Gregory-Jones (Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Lynda Connon (Treasurer, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Alex Patto (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Ian Steed (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Howard Griffiths (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Sadia Cuthbert (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Kimberly Gire (Trustee, The Centre for Global Equality)

Centre for Global Equality Staff

- Lara Allen (CEO, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Kelsea Pastore (Communications & Partnerships Officer, The Centre for Global Equality)
- Andrew Birley (Finance & Operations Manager, The Centre for Global Equality)

Centre for Global Equality Member Organisations

- Andrew Lamb (Field Ready)
- Ben Woodington (SoliCamb)
- Cassi Henderson (WaterScope)
- Gerard Kuenning (Cambridge Development Initiative)
- Ian Sanderson (Afrinspire)
- John Binns (Partners for Change Ethiopia)
- Kitty Liao (Ideabatic)
- Luca Canal (Martha's Dream)
- Luke Church (Africa's Voices Foundation)
- Nalin Patel (WaterScope)
- Patrick Beldon (Cortirio)
- Sharath Srinivasan (Africa's Voices Foundation)

- Sophie Ward (signed off early; Cambridge Global Health Partnerships)
- Tads Ciecierski-Holmes (Cambridge Development Initiative)
- Tom Stakes (Blue Tap)

Apologies

None were given.

1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting

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

2. Minutes of the Centre for Global Equality AGM held on 16th May 2019

Dominic Vergine asked if there were any comments on the minutes from 2019. There were none. The minutes of the meeting were proposed as correct by Ian Steed, and seconded by Ian Sanderson. There were no matters arising.

3. Reports and Accounts

3.1 Overview of Centre for Global Equality activities in the last financial year, 2018-2019, and significant activities of the Centre for Global Equality in the current financial year, 2019-2020

(Presented by Lara Allen, CEO)

Lara Allen gave an overview of programme highlights, including:

- Inclusive Innovation articulation
- Shifted focus towards developing partnerships and programmes
- Funding for a two-person office and programme without a major donor

Lara Allen presented some achievements from the past few months, including:

- CGE's focus shifting from simply enabling research to the inclusive innovation model
- Partnering with a new University of Cambridge association: the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology (CEB); goal is to embed an Inclusive Innovation Fund (IIF) Hub within that department
- Fostering successful IIF Hub partnerships, particularly in Ethiopia
- The successful establishment of the BiT Maker Space in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
- Participation in the Covid19 consortium project (OVSI); Dominic Vergine remarked on how remarkably impressive and how global this project is for CGE

Lara then welcomed any questions from attendees:

- Sadia Cuthbert asked who manages the Maker Space in Bahir Dar. Lara responded that it is led by the engineering team of Bahir Dar University.
- Andrew Lamb asked what happened with the Chesterton Tower site. Lara answered that the Technology for Development Hub evolved into the Cultivator. Simprints took over the tower and then outgrew it. By moving offices, CGE now has more space with hot desk capabilities and more meeting space. The hope is that CGE will eventually have a physical community space for

the Cultivators.

3.2 Report on the accounts for the period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 and the report of the independent examiners

(Presented by Lynda Connon, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees)

Lynda Connon presented CGE's financial report update and remarked on CGE's progress. Questions were invited from the floor about CGE's finances. There were no questions.

The 2018-2019 accounts were proposed by Ian Steed and seconded by Shelley Gregory-Jones.

Thanks were given to Lynda Connon for her support in CGE's financial management.

4. Appointments of Trustees

Lara Allen explained the changes to membership over the past years, including those with voting rights.

4.1 Current Trustee Board & Proposals for 2020

Lara Allen provided an overview of the current Board of Trustees and the proposed changes to the board for the 2020-2021 year.

4.2 Trustees retiring by rotation

Dominic Vergine retired as Chair of Trustees by rotation, following completion of a three-year term. Lara Allen and Ian Steed expressed thanks to Dominic for his contributions to the successes of CGE for the past nine years.

4.3 Appointment of new Trustees

Lara invited Sadia Cuthbert, Kimberly Gire and Howard Griffiths to briefly introduce themselves to the group, before requesting the members to vote.

The appointment of the three new co-opted trustees was proposed by Ian Steed and seconded by Shelley Gregory-Jones. The majority of voting members present voted in favour.

5. Proposed Resolutions

5.1 Appointment and remuneration of independent examiners

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Lynda Connon proposed the appointment of Chater Allan as independent examiners for the 2019-2020 financial year, and that the CGE Trustees be authorised to set the remuneration of the independent examiners. The motion was seconded by Ian Sanderson and was passed.

6. Any other Business

Thanks were given to Lara Allen, the CGE team and the Board of Trustees.

There was no other business.

The formal business of the meeting closed at 6:50pm.

7. Guest Lecture

Lara welcomed Sharath Srinivasan from Africa's Voices Foundation to begin his presentation, which focused on Somalia's varied response to Covid19 challenges. Africa's Voices Foundation (AVF) is working to encourage conversations and develop appropriate and accurate responses with the population they seek to help. For example, AVF used an existing media platform for gender equality and social inclusion to help ask questions of the population, who were then able to reply with their concerns and allowing AVF to collect data and respond more effectively.

At the end of the presentation, Sharath was thanked by Sadia Cuthbert and Lara Allen, who opened the floor to questions.

Following a brief Q&A, the meeting was closed at 7:35pm.