

WATCH AGM – Election of Trustees 2018-19

Below is a copy of the Constitution in relation to Trustee elections.

In brief it applies to us in this way:

- **Rotation.** Everyone elected to the committee is in office for 3 years, however (excluding Chair and Vice Chairs) one third are required to retire each year so that there is a rotation. As 9 Trustees are currently elected (not including Chair & Vice Chairs) then 3 Trustees need to retire and be elected for a second 3yr term. These are:

	Name	Nomination	Second
1.	Rosalind Rutherford	Anne Stevens	Jenny Humphreys
2.	Michael Smith	Jody Stowell	Jenny Humphreys
3.	Jody Stowell	Michael Smith	Jenny Humphreys

- **Other Vacancies:** up to 5
 - Stephen France, Vice Chair, is retiring
 - Mark Bennett, Treasurer, is retiring
 - **3 unfilled positions.** *Constitution requires that there be at least six and no more than fifteen trustees; the Treasurer and Secretary are not required to be Trustees.*

2018 Nominations are:

	Name	Nomination	Second
4.	Felicity Cooke, Vice Chair	Anne Stevens	Jody Stowell
5.	Treasurer		
6.			
7.			
8.			

The following Trustees continue automatically for 2018-9

- Emma Percy – Chair (2016)
- *Vacancy – Vice Chair*
- Esther Elliott – Vice Chair (2017)
- *Vacancy – Treasurer*
- Catherine Williamson (2016)
- Jenny Humphreys (2016)
- Anne Stevens (2017)
- Lizzie Taylor (2017)
- Felicity Cooke (2017)

- **Co-opted members (National Committee):**
Co-opted members are not Trustees and do not affect trustee vacancies. They are:
 - Tracey Byrne (*resigned September 2018*)
 - Claire Creese, *Secretary (co-opted January 2018)*

Extract from constitution

a. Number of charity trustees

- i. There must be at least six and no more than fifteen charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

b. First charity trustees

- i. The first charity trustees of the CIO are:

The committee as elected on 19th November 2016

Emma Percy – Chair

Anne Stevens – Vice-Chair

Stephen France – Vice-Chair

Mark Bennet – Treasurer

Hannah Elias

Michele Kitto

Rosalind Rutherford

Michael Smith
Jody Stowell
Yvonne Clarke
Cath Williamson
Esther Elliot
Jenny Humphreys

I. APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

- a. At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, **one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office.** If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, she or he shall not retire;
- b. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by ballot.
- c. The vacancies so arising shall be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting and vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in clause 11.6;
- d. Any person retiring under the provisions of clause 11.2 shall be eligible for election for a second term of three years. Any person who has served two terms shall be required to take a year's sabbatical before being eligible for re-election;
- e. Any person standing for election under the provisions of clause 11.3 shall be proposed and seconded by members of the charity;
- f. If the committee elected by the members, including ex officio members is less than 15, the charity trustees may appoint any member to join the committee until the next Annual General Meeting at which any member so appointed shall be eligible for re-election onto the committee.
- g. The charity trustees may at any time co-opt not more than an additional three members onto the committee to act as trustees. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of her or his appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.
- h. The chair and the vice chairs ("the office holders") shall be elected by the members at an annual general meeting and for the time being shall automatically, by virtue of holding that office ("ex officio") be a charity trustee. Each office holder shall remain in post for a period of three years and shall be eligible to stand for election for a second period of three years.
- i. If an office holder shall retire early from their post the committee may make such provision as it deems fit until the next annual general meeting at which meeting the members shall elect an office holder to replace the retiring office holder.
- j. If unwilling to act as a charity trustee, the office holder shall cease to be an office holder except that there shall be no requirement for the treasurer or secretary to be charity trustees.