

## CILIPS Annual General Meeting 2021

### Minutes

Heather Marshall (Chair) formally declared the Annual General Meeting (AGM) open and welcomed everyone. Heather introduced Richard Aird (Treasurer) and Sean McNamara as Chief Executive of the SCIO.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Eleanor McKay and Stephen Leitch

#### 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020

The previous minute was shared for approval.

Approver: Carole Gray

Seconder: Jeanette Castle

#### 3. Receipt of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020

The Chair provided an update of 2020 activity including:

- We welcomed our new Vice-President to the Board, Cleo Jones, now President in 2021 and Martina McChrystal led a very successful Presidential year in challenging circumstances.
- CILIPS operations were delivered in 2020 by Sean McNamara and Graduate Trainee Elizabeth Carney. Elizabeth moved on to a role in Health Libraries at the end of 2020 and all at CILIPS thank Elizabeth for her input to activities during her time here. Kirsten MacQuarrie started as CILIPS Membership Officer in 2021.
- Trustees Carole Gray and Anne Louise Anglim as well as Immediate Past President Yvonne Manning all stepped down from the Board at the end of 2020. All three have provided many years of support to CILIPS and we thank them sincerely for their input. We are also delighted to welcome new elected Trustees Toni Velikova and Colin Sinclair to the Board from 2021 and Amina Shah who is our new Vice-President. Christine Love-Rodgers was re-elected.

- We continued to advocate including writing to several Councils to support continued and ample support for public library services, particularly following the pandemic.
- Awarded Scotland's Library and Information Professional of the year to Clare Hemsworth of Renfrewshire Libraries.
- We awarded Honorary Memberships to Alison Leslie, David McMenemy and Geoffrey Hamilton.
- We moved our Annual Conference, which had been all set to take place in Dundee in June, online this year with record bookings and very positive feedback.
- We developed CILIPS Online Learning, a series of Zoom webinars that took place most Fridays between April and September, attracting over 1000 bookings
- We saw net membership growth year on year
- We have been delighted to share Librarian During Lockdown blogs this year which are a great demonstration of this work and of the skills and resilience of the profession.
- Libraries Week, the annual celebration of libraries, was largely online this year and we ran #Library5 for the second year in a row, asking library services and workers to share content around different daily themes.
- We ran #HealthLibrariansAddValue jointly with our colleagues at NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Knowledge Services, advocating for the health librarian role and highlighting the broad range of skills and experience health librarians possess.
- We delivered a Professional Registration and Portfolio Building workshop online.
- Our Branches and Groups did a great job of staying as active as possible. Several Branches ran virtual Meet the President events. There have also been, amongst other things, online AGM's, a Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals webinar with Youth Libraries Group Scotland, a School Libraries Group Scotland online Quiz & Vent event, a Cataloguing and Indexing Group Scotland seminar, and a virtual Careers Workshop with our newly formed Students & New Professionals Community.
- We offered support at the beginning of lockdown, we added 'COVID-19 – Information and Resources' pages to our websites.
- We recognised the need to educate ourselves and support a move towards a more diverse and inclusive profession and we added an 'Anti-Racism – Resources and Support' page to our website
- We worked with the Edwin Morgan Trust and the University of Glasgow Library to publish resources to mark the centenary of Edwin Morgan (1920-2020).

- We regularly met with APLS and SLIC and have been involved in discussions about recovery planning for public libraries.
- We attended the advisory meetings for the new National Strategy for Public Libraries being published this year.
- We created the new Public and Mobile Libraries Group Scotland, a Scotland specific division of the UK CILIP Special Interest Group.
- We held 4 Trustee Board meetings and 2 meetings of the CILIPS Council, with the majority of these being online.

The Honorary Treasurer gave an update on 2020 financial activity including:

- CILIPS funded the office accommodation for two CILIP staff located in Glasgow with costs for resources such as equipment shared between CILIP and CILIPS;
- CILIP UK funded the staff salaries which appear in their accounts, not ours;
- CILIP contributed a grant of £22,000 to CILIPS to cover the costs of CILIPS delivering CILIP activity in Scotland;
- We currently hold the required level of reserves to ensure we are protected against uncertainty in the sector;
- Conference performed well and profits were invested as much as possible in activity that benefited our members;
- All other events were offered free of charge to CILIPS members;
- The CILIPS office provider, the Robertson Trust, waived all rental costs during the pandemic which we are very thankful for.

The Annual report and accounts were approved.

Approver: Joy McLean

Seconder: Diane Pennington

#### 4. Honorary Awards

Members were reminded that each year CILIPS SCIO invites nominations for Honorary Awards. We received three nominations for approval as follows:

- Anne Louise Anglim – Anne Louise was nominated for her many years of service to CILIPS Board and Council as well as her impact on the library world including her time at West Dunbartonshire and Glasgow Libraries.

- Martina McChrystal – Martina was nominated for her role as CILIPS President in 2020, delivering an excellent presidential year during a global pandemic. This was whilst also being Director of Library Services at University of Glasgow. Martina has also been a vital part of the library community in Scotland for several years including leading Edinburgh Libraries and being Chair of the Advisory Group for the School Libraries Nationals Strategy.
- Diane Pennington – Diane was nominated for her impact on the profession due to her role as Senior Lecturer in Information Science and the Course Director for the MSc/PgDip in Information and Library Studies in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences at the University of Strathclyde. In addition to this, Diane gives back to the profession regularly such as being Chair of the Metadata and Discovery Group of CILIP and being a key part of the team who brought EBLIDA to Glasgow.

These nominations were approved.

Approver: Neil Patterson

Secunder: Joy McLean

#### 5. Approval of revised Rules and Regulations

The CEO of CILIPS confirmed that these have been updated with language changes to reflect current operations, no changes have been made that affect the core purpose or mission of CILIPS.

These were approved with no changes

Approver: Laura Gormley

Secunder: Kathy Penfold

#### 6. Any Other Business: There is no other notified business