

CILIPS Annual General Meeting 2022

Minutes

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

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were given.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020

The previous minute was shared for approval.

Approver: Toni Velikova

Seconder: Dr Diane Pennington

3. Receipt of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31st December 2021

The Chair provided an update of 2021 activity including:

- CILIPS President was Cleo Jones in 2021 and Cleo had a mostly virtual but very engaged Presidency.
- CILIPS welcomed a new team member Kirsten MacQuarrie as Membership Officer.
- CILIPS delivered an advocacy programme in advance of the Holyrood elections (Libraries Are Essential) and responded to consultations affecting public and school libraries throughout the year.
- CILIPS staff attended meetings of the Implementation Group for the National Strategy for School Libraries and the Advisory Group for the new strategy for Public Libraries in Scotland.
- CILIPS also continued to work in close partnership with organisations such as the Scottish Library and Information Council and Literature Alliance Scotland to advocate for librarians and library services.
- During Libraries Week CILIPS ran #Library5 on Twitter as well as social media takeovers and events.

- CILIPS also continued to advocate for the re-opening of libraries as well as creating or updating resource banks such as LGBTQ+, anti-racism and climate change.
- We also led on the set up of a new Public Library Advocacy Network for Scotland and staff delivered various talks at events such as the Next Library conference.
- CILIPS presented the Scotland's Library and Info Professional of the year award to Alison McAllister of North Ayrshire Libraries.
- CILIP in Scotland delivered a programme of events and training aimed at supporting the continuing professional development needs of library and information professionals, all adapted due to COVID restrictions and these included - A one-day Autumn ReGathering in person in October, WINspiration – What would libraries led by feminists look like, CILIPSGoGreen, Decolonizing Library Collections, Information Professionals Wear Many Hats and Several partnership events with branches and groups.
- CILIPS also sponsored and sat on the advisory group of the Aye Write Festival in Glasgow, including chairing a session.
- We offered Professional Development Funding, although applications were reduced
- CILIPS developed the CILIPS Council into a forum for greater discussion, led by Graeme Forbes.

The Honorary Treasurer gave an update on 2021 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.
- Reserves increased due to reduced spending on office costs, funding and conference but more reserves will be invested in activity in 2022 and 2023.
- Both conference and one day in person events performed well and profits were invested as much as possible in activity that benefited our members.
- Most other online 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: Martina McChrystal

Secunder: Alison Leslie

4. Honorary Awards

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

- Eleanor McKay – A long-time member of CILIPS and former Council and LocScot member, Eleanor has worked with dedication, determination, and drive throughout her career, supporting communities across Argyll and Bute and making an exceptional contribution to a wide range of projects including local First World War commemorations and was awarded an MBE last year.
- Fiona Laing – Fiona is retiring soon from the NLS and has provided years of excellent service as well as supporting the wider community via CILIPS and SWOP. Fiona is also a former Library and Information Professional of the Year.
- Catherine Salmond – for supporting libraries via the Scotland on Sunday campaign that champions their work and fights to secure their futures.

These nominations were approved.

Approver: Keith Fraser

Seconder: SarahLouise McDonald

5. Any Other Business: There was no other notified business