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# **Queen's Graduates' Association**

# **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 18 January 2023, 6.00pm

Canada Room and Council Chamber, Queen's University Belfast

# AGENDA

# 1. Welcome Feargus McCauley, QGA President

#### 2. Minutes

Members will be asked to review and approve the minutes of the 2021 QGA AGM.

### 3. Report of the Association

An overview of the activity of the QGA since the last AGM will be delivered by Fergal *McFerran, Secretary of the Queen's Graduates' Association.* 

This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

The report will be verbal.

#### 4. Annual Accounts

The QGA's annual accounts will be presented on the evening to members by Kelly Burns, Treasurer of the Queen's Graduates' Association.

This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

The presentation will be verbal and copies of the annual accounts will be available on the evening for those present.

#### 5. Queen's Women Graduates' Report

An overview of the activities of the QWG since the last QGA AGM will be provided by Claire Louise Wilkinson, QWG President, or a representative in her place.

The report will be verbal.

## 6. Motions and Constitutional Amendments

Members will be asked to consider and subsequently approve or reject any ordinary motion(s) or constitutional amendment(s) submitted.

The deadline to submit any such motion or amendment was 5pm on Thursday 29 December 2022. One motion was received and is detailed in Appendix A to this agenda.

# 7. Elections

Elections will be overseen by Jonathan Hill as the nominated Returning Officer for the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

The deadline to submit nominations was 5pm on Wednesday 11 January 2023. A full list of nominations received is detailed in Appendix B to this agenda.

# 8. Closing Remarks

The Chair will bring the Annual General Meeting to a close following the end of formal business. Refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting.

## APPENDIX A to the agenda of the 2023 QGA AGM

#### Note on motions and constitutional amendments

One motion has been received for consideration at the Annual General Meeting. No constitutional amendments were received.

# Motion .1.

That this Annual Meeting of the Association approves waiving Rule 6.2 of the Constitution for the conduct of election of the Association President at this Annual General Meeting only.

**Proposer:** Lavinia Boyce **Seconder:** Paddy Skates

### **Explanatory note**

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the potential of Victoria Denoon's full term as President of the Association was interrupted and she was denied the opportunity to fulfil the role in the way that her predecessors have been able to. Waiving the above referenced rule, for one year, would allow the nomination of Victoria Denoon to stand for election to be QGA President to be deemed valid by the Returning Officer.

# APPENDIX B to the agenda of the 2023 QGA AGM

### Note for elections

As per Rule 6.12 of the constitution, the committee have appointed Jonathan Hill to serve as the Returning Officer for the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Queen's Graduates' Association. As such, Jonathan Hill is responsible for overseeing the conduct of all elections at the QGA AGM

The vacancies for which nominations were sought this year are as follows:

- President (x1 vacancy)
- Vice-President (x1 vacancy)
- Ordinary Committee Members (x3 vacancies)

At the close of nominations, the nominations that were received were as follows:

- For the President, one nomination received from Victoria Denoon
- For the Vice-President, one nomination received from Victoria Denoon
- For Ordinary Committee Members, no nominations were received