

QGA AGM 2021 Minutes:

To be formally approved at the next Annual General Meeting



Queen's Graduates'
Association

**Queen's Graduates' Association
Annual General Meeting
28th September 2021
The Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast**

DRAFT Minutes

1. Welcome

Victoria Denoon, QGA President, provided a warm welcome to all in attendance.

Victoria Denoon provided a brief overview of the University's activities over the last year and remembered the alumni of Queen's University Belfast that have passed since the QGA AGM in 2020.

2. Minutes of AGM 2020

Victoria Denoon, QGA President, asked those in attendance for approval of the minutes from the AGM in 2020. These were approved by those in attendance.

Proposer: Dr Lavina Boyce

Secunder: Fergal McFerran

3. Secretary's Report

Erin Early, QGA Honorary Secretary, provided a report on the workings of the QGA committee over the last year. The report outlined the online events organised by the QGA over the past year and the recipients of the QGA student scholarships.

The floor was then opened for questions about the report – no questions were asked.

4. Annual Accounts

Eoin McMullan, QGA Honorary Treasurer, presented the annual accounts of the QGA.

The presentation highlighted that revenue in the last year was provided from memberships only as there were no events. There had been few expenses in the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The floor was then opened for questions – no questions were asked.

Eoin McMullan thanked the QGA committee, QGA President Victoria Denoon and the Development and Alumni Relations Office for their help over his last six years as Honorary Treasurer.

5. QWG Report

Victoria Denoon, QGA President, presented the report on behalf of the QWG. The report highlighted there were two virtual events organised and members remained connected through informal, virtual coffee mornings. The report also highlighted the upcoming in-person events of wine tasting and a tour of the Grand Opera House.

6. Scholarships

Victoria Denoon, QGA President, welcomed one of the scholarship recipients: Aoife Goppert. Aoife Goppert provided an overview of her time at Queen's University Belfast, her current PhD study and how the scholarship will benefit her research.

7. Motions and amendments

No motions or constitutional amendments had been submitted for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Elections

Jonathan Hill, former QGA President, served as Returning Officer.

The following individuals were deemed elected to the QGA committee as the relevant vacancies had received only one valid nomination:

- Feargus McCauley as President
- Kelly Marie Burns as Honorary Treasurer
- Fergal McFerran as Honorary Secretary
- Maurizio Liberante as an ordinary committee member

9. Closing Remarks

Victoria Denoon, outgoing QGA President, thanked the QGA committee, the members in attendance, DARO, and Eoin McMullan & Erin Early who are leaving QGA Committee. Victoria Denoon also congratulated the newly elected members.

Feargus McCauley, incoming QGA president, thanked Victoria for her leadership as QGA President over the last two unprecedented years, Eoin McMullan for his impact on the QGA over last six years and Erin Early for her time as secretary.

The formal business of the AGM was brought to a close and the meeting ended.

END