



## Queen's Graduates' Association Annual General Meeting 2019

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm

Queen's University Belfast  
Lanyon Building (Lanyon North)  
Lecture Theatre OG.074

### Agenda

#### 1. Welcome

Fergal McFerran, QGA President.

#### 2. Minutes

Members will be asked to review & approve the minutes of the 2018 QGA AGM.

#### 3. Secretary's Report

An overview of the work of the QGA committee will be delivered by Erin Early, QGA Honorary Secretary.

#### 4. Annual Accounts

The QGA's annual accounts will be presented to members by Eoin McMullan, QGA Honorary Treasurer.

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

An overview of the work of the QWGA since the last QGA AGM will be delivered by Isobel Benson, QWGA President.

#### 6. Motions and constitutional amendments

Members will be asked to consider and subsequently approve or reject any valid constitutional amendments and ordinary motions submitted.

*Please see **Appendix A** to this agenda for full list of constitutional amendments and motions.*

#### 7. Elections

Elections will be overseen by Oonagh Ferrity as the nominated returning officer for the 2019 AGM

*Please see **Appendix B** to this agenda for further information.*

#### 8. Closing remarks

Following the close of business refreshments will be served

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## **APPENDIX A to the agenda of the 2019 QGA AGM**

*Constitutional amendments and motions to be considered*

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**Constitutional amendments for consideration of the Annual General Meeting**  
*Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in order to be approved.*

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**CA .1. – Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To replace every occurrence of 'Chairman' with 'chairperson.'

**CA .2. – Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To replace every occurrence of 'his/her' with 'their.'

**CA .3. – Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To insert as 2.2, 'The activities of the Association will be underpinned and driven by the values of community, networking and legacy.'

**CA .4. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To remove the words at 3.3, 'At no time shall there be more than ten such members.'

**CA .5. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To update title 6 as, 'The Election of Officers and Committee members of the Association.'

**CA .6. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To insert as 6.7 (and renumber subsequent points), 'On completion of a second consecutive term of office, they shall not be eligible to stand for election to the same position until a further period of three years has elapsed.'

**CA .7. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To insert to 6.11, 'The returning officer should be selected from a shortlist of former Presidents of the Queen's Graduates' Association, who no longer serve on the committee.'

**CA .8. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**  
To insert to 6.20, 'To be deemed elected, a candidate requires a simple majority of valid ballots cast.'

**CA .9. – Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To insert as 6.21 (and renumber subsequent points),** 'In an instance where an election is uncontested (only one valid nomination has been received by the deadline) then the candidate will be deemed to have been elected unless a majority of members attending the AGM request the reopening of nominations.'

**CA .10. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To insert to 7.1 after "four ordinary members" that,** 'the immediate past President and up to three further members (who may be co-opted by the committee to serve until the next Annual General Meeting).'

**CA .11. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To insert to 7.2,** 'The Chair of Convocation and the Students' Union President will be invited to attend or send a representative in their place to all Committee meetings.'

**CA .12. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To delete 7.3** (and renumber subsequent points).

**CA .13. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To insert, at 7.4 the words,** 'co-opted members of' between "Nominations for" and "the committee."

**CA .14. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To insert, as a new point 7.9,** 'If any Committee member fails to attend three consecutive meetings without apologies or one calendar year for any reason, then the Committee is permitted to deem the person in question to have resigned from their role. This decision will be at the discretion of the committee.'

**CA .15. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To insert at 9, as a new bullet,** 'have responsibility for maintaining existing memberships and recruiting new members.'

**CA .16. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

**To insert at 11.3, to bullet one,** 'that should be formally approved by members present.'



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## Ordinary Motions

*Motions require a simple majority of those present and voting in order to be approved.*

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### **M .1. - Proposed by the Committee of the Queen's Graduates' Association**

"That the Annual General Meeting approve Honorary Membership of the Queen's Graduates' Association to the following individuals:

John Leckey – Graduate of the Year 2015  
Jonathan Bramley - Graduate of the Year 2016  
Johann Muldoon MBE - Graduate of the Year 2017  
Lisa McGee - Graduate of the Year 2018

Dr. Laura Graham - Student of the Year 2015  
Diane Murdock – Student of the Year 2016  
Dr. Gary Mitchell – Student of the Year 2017  
Fionnbharr Brady – Student of the Year 2018"



## **APPENDIX B to the agenda of the 2019 QGA AGM**

### *Note for elections*

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As per Rule 6.11 of the constitution, the committee have appointed Oonagh Ferrity to serve as the Returning Officer for the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Queen's Graduates' Association.

As such, Oonagh Ferrity is responsible for overseeing the conduct of all elections at the AGM.

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

- QGA President
- QGA Vice-President
- Ordinary committee member (x 2 vacancies)

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

- **For QGA President**  
One valid nomination received
- **For QGA Vice-President**  
No valid nominations received
- **Ordinary committee member (x 2 vacancies)**  
No valid nominations received