

## **Draft** Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the British Association for Music Therapy

Saturday 11 December 2021

10am – 12pm Via Zoom

**Present:** Sonia Allori, Dr Stella Compton Dickinson, Jonathan Cousins-Booth, Hilary Davies, Nicola Demosthenous, Zeina Dib Nehme, Elizabeth Dunlop, Angela Fenwick, Daniel Floyd, Adrienne Freeman, Brooke Hirst, Jenny Kirkwood, Becs Lockett, Alexandra Lowman, Anna Ludwig, Nga Ying Luk, Crystal Luk-Worrall, Patricia Mason, Finlay McDermid, Katie Muller, Jenny Robson, Ali Rowley, Marianne Rizkallah, Kim Saul, Sandra Schembri, Victoria Sleight, Ann Sloboda, Ruth Spencer, Julie Sutton, Eleanor Tingle (Chair), Priya Vithani, Ying Wu, Wing Ka Denise Wong, Zishu Yuan

**In Attendance:** Andrew Langford, Usha Aravinth, Lisa Partridge, Jonathan Cousins-Booth, Elaine Robson

**Apologies:** Katy Bignold, Emma Butler, Diane Byrne, Simone Dawes (nee Wies), Lucy Delafons, Karen Diamond, Melissa Elliott, Janet Halton, Gurpreet Kalsi, Rebekah Keenan, Hannah McCarthy, Deanna More, Gillian O'Dempsey, Kim Roberts, Giorgos Tsiris, Stephanie Roberts-Moseley, Amanda Thorpe, Neil Varey, Julia Wade, Tessa Watson

### **1. Welcome & apologies**

Eleanor Tingle welcomed and thanked members for attending the AGM.

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

The minutes were checked for accuracy, there were no corrections to be made.

**Proposed by:** Marianne Rizkallah

**Seconded by:** Victoria Sleight

### **3. Presentation of the Annual Reports and Accounts**

Andrew Langford, CEO presented the accounts on behalf of Annyes Laheurte (Treasurer).

The first thing to highlight was that it was a different year due to the changes we made to the accounting system to bring in line with the membership year. The 2020 accounts are the first to run from January to December. There was a deficit in 2020 of just over £6,000.00, this was anticipated and approved by the Board and is a reflection of the growth that took place in 2020. BAMT used some of the reserves to fund this growth.

Total income was £183,774.00, including a £2,638.00 donation, and our membership subscriptions were up by 5%. At the end of 2020 there were restricted funds in excess of £44,000.00. Some of these funds are historical from before BAMT was created, we are working our way to ensuring we can access those funds to use appropriately.

Total expenditure was just over £190,000.00, this is monitored by the Finance Committee and Board every 2 months. This ensures it remains in line with the budget and forecast.

The board considers that BAMT is in a strong and stable financial position and continues to hold a healthy reserve position. Looking at 2021 BAMT strengthened its financial controls by reviewing KPI's, some of our policies and developing the Risk Register which allows us to enjoy a sustainable future.

AL expressed his huge thanks to Annyes Laheurte and Usha Aravinth for all their hard work on the effective management and monitoring of BAMT's finances

There were no questions from the Membership regarding the accounts.  
The accounts were agreed.

**Proposed by:** Adrienne Freeman

**Seconded by:** Finlay McDermid

#### **4. Election/Re-election & resignation of Trustees**

Eleanor Tingle (Chair) commented that since our EGM in July 2021 Chanda Viette our HR specialist Trustee has resigned from the board and that she will be hugely missed.

Other resignations since the AGM 2020 are Alison Rowley and Jane Carmichael, we thank both of them for their service and amazing work on behalf of BAMT, most of which was behind the scenes, but has been extremely strong, effective and very much appreciated.

At the EGM in July, Eleanor was elected as Chair and Neil Varey and Anthony Sullivan were also elected as trustees.

The Members were asked to vote previous to the meeting on reappointing two Trustees:

**To appoint Adrienne Freeman as a member of the Board of Trustees for a one year term, effective from December 2021**

In favour - 93, Against - 2, Abstain - 3

**To appoint Tessa Watson as a member of the Board of Trustees for a three-year term, effective from December 2021**

In favour - 94, Against - 1, Abstain - 3

#### **5. Resolutions**

There were no new resolutions.

#### **6. Any Other Business & questions**

There was no other business.

Eleanor Tingle thanked everyone for attending and asked members to keep in touch with BAMT to help everyone move forward as a profession.

Angela Fenwick - Thanks to all the present Officers and thanks for the organisation of this meeting and everyone involved.