

# Gemmological Association of Great Britain

Registered Charity No. 1109555

Company Limited by Guarantee No. 1945780

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020

Held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 17:00

Online via GoToWebinar

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### Chair, welcome & apologies

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Chairman of the meeting: Justine Carmody FGA

Justine opened the meeting at 17:00 and welcomed those present.

She stated that this was the statutory AGM of the association, which is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. Only members could vote. Due to the covid pandemic, the meeting was held online via GoToWebinar. Due to the online nature of the AGM, voting on all ordinary resolutions took place through Civica Election Services prior to the AGM and the results were announced at the AGM.

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### Approval of Minutes

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At Justine's request the online resolution proposed to take the minutes as read and approved. A total of 280 Members voted on this resolution. 99.2% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour of this resolution, the minutes for 2019 AGM were approved and adopted.

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### Accounts

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Justine confirmed that the audited consolidated annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 had been circulated. The accounts were the sole responsibility of the trustees who are also the directors. The online resolution proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 be approved and adopted. 99.1% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour of this resolution, the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 were approved and adopted.

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## Election of Council Members and Gem-A President

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In accordance with the articles of association, Justine Carmody FGA and Philip Sadler FGA DGA retired by rotation, and, being eligible, offered themselves for re-election. Louise Goldring, having been appointed by the Council since the 2019 AGM, in accordance with the articles of association, offered herself for re-election.

No nominations from Members had been received.

A total of 280 Members voted for these resolutions.

95.1% Members voted to re-elect Justine Carmody. With majority in favour of this resolution, Justine Carmody was re-elected.

98.3% Members voted to re-elect Philip Sadler. With majority in favour of this resolution, Philip Sadler was re-elected.

97.1% Members voted to re-elect Louise Goldring. With majority in favour of this resolution, Louise Goldring was re-elected.

**In accordance with the Articles of Association, as a result of the current pandemic and at the discretion of the Council, Maggie Campbell Pedersen FGA ABIPP, being eligible, offered herself for re-election as Council President.**

A total of 280 Members voted for these resolutions.

98.5% Members voted to re-elect Maggie Campbell Pedersen. With majority in favour of this resolution, Maggie Campbell Pedersen was re-elected.

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## Appointment of Auditors

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The online resolution proposed that Blick Rothenberg LLP, be re-appointed as auditors of the Association and that the Directors be authorised to fix their remuneration.

A total of 280 Members voted on this resolution. 96.7% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour, the motion was passed.

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## Any other business

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Due to the online nature of the AGM, Members were requested to send their questions prior to the AGM. Questions could also be submitted during the AGM via the online chat function. Alan Hart, Gem-A CEO presented a high-level overview of the Association during the covid pandemic. Alan Hart also adequately responded to all the questions raised by the Members.

A recording of the webinar was also made available to all Members.

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## Next Meeting and Close

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Justine thanked everyone for attending and contributing at the Meeting. The date of the next meeting will be advised, and the AGM was formally brought to a close at 18:10.