

# Gemmological Association of Great Britain

Registered Charity No. 1109555

Company Limited by Guarantee No. 1945780

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021

Held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 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 ongoing 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 190 Members voted on this resolution. 98.87% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour of this resolution, the minutes for 2020 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 2020 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 2020 be approved and adopted. 98.2% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour of this resolution, the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 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, Joanna Hardy FGA DGA retired by rotation, and being eligible, offered herself for re-election. Kathryn Bonnano FGA also retired by rotation and stepped down from the Gem-A Board of Trustees at the AGM. Justine thanked Kathryn for all her contributions to the Gem-A Board of Trustees and confirmed that she will be joining the Gem-A USA Board of Trustees.

No nominations from Members had been received.

A total of 182 Members voted for these resolutions.

90.75% Members voted to re-elect Joanna Hardy. With majority in favour of this resolution, Joanna Hardy 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 182 Members voted for these resolutions.

96.63% 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 179 Members voted on this resolution. 95.95% 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 ongoing impact of 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 18:02.