

# Gemmological Association of Great Britain

Registered Charity No. 1109555

Company Limited by Guarantee No. 1945780

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 17:00

Held at 21 Ely Place

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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. To allow the international group of members to vote on the AGM resolutions, voting 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 246 Members casted their votes on the ordinary resolutions via the CES platform. 99.57% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour of this resolution, the minutes for 2021 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 2021 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 2021 be approved and adopted. 99.12% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour of this resolution, the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 were approved and adopted.

## **Election of Council Members and Gem-A President**

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**In accordance with the articles of association, Louise Goldring retired by rotation, and stepped down from the Gem-A Board of Trustees at the 2022 AGM. Justine thanked Louise for all her contributions to the Gem-A UK Board and wished her the best.**

No nominations from Members had been received.

97.42% Members voted to re-elect Christopher Smith. With majority in favour of this resolution, Christopher Smith was re-elected.

95.13% Members voted to re-elect Nevin Bayoumi Stefanovic. With majority in favour of this resolution Nevin Bayoumi Stefanovic was re-elected.

**In accordance with the Articles of Association, Maggie Campbell Pedersen FGA, retired and stepped down from her role as Council President. Justine thanked Maggie for her fantastic contribution.**

Richard Drucker Hon FGA was nominated by the Trustees for President. 95.26% Members voted to elect Richard Drucker. With majority in favour of this resolution, Richard Drucker was elected as Gem-A President.

## **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 211 Members voted on this resolution. 97.30% Members voted for this resolution. With majority in favour, the motion was passed.

## **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 adequately responded to all the questions raised by the Members. One Member asked about membership events and field trips. Justine responded to say that the Association is actively looking at holding in-person events at Gem-A, including the Conference and is open to recommendations on field trips from Members. The Association held Gem Centrals during the year but is looking at events that benefit wider Membership. Many Gem-A branches are also active in organising events. One Member asked about membership communication and that not all Members have access to social channels. Nysa stated that the Association regularly sends Membership newsletters and if someone is not receiving these, they should email [membership@gem-a.com](mailto:membership@gem-a.com).

## **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 17:45.