

Annual General Meeting

Monday 11th March 2008

Minutes

Attendees, list available on request.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Joyce welcomed everyone to the AGM; apologies were given by Graham Morgan, Richard Norris and Dougie Pickering.

2. Chairpersons Report, Joyce Mouriki,

Joyce outlined the progress over the last year including the development of the governance structure to include sub-groups and training which has been developed to ensure board members have support to govern VOX effectively.

Joyce also mentioned the planning which had been carried out to ensure we have a framework where we are prioritising the areas of work which have been highlighted by our members.

Specific strands of work around direct payments, integrated care pathways and pre registration nursing was also mentioned.

The move towards independence was highlighted and Joyce explained that this would be progressed over the coming year.

Joyce thanked everyone who has been involved in VOX over the last 15 months. In particular a warm thank you to Ally Hamilton who was no longer able to attend the VOX board meetings and is unfortunately stepping down from the board.

3. Resolution to amend the constitution

All members had received a pink sheet in advance of the meeting which highlighted the proposed changes which were being put forward. The amendments to the constitution were discussed; the main change was the opening up of VOX membership criteria to include group membership.

The definition of group membership was highlighted within the amendments, and the difference between incorporated and unincorporated groups was also explained.

All of the VOX membership agreed to accept the amended constitution.

4. Board step down, vote of thanks

Joyce handed over the role of the chair to David Crepaz-Keay of the Mental Health Foundation. David thanked the board at this stage for their hard work and dedication over the last year, and talked about the exciting role that VOX would have to play in the future of service user involvement within Scotland.

5. Nominations, announcements at end.

David stated that every VOX member should have a list of the nominations which had been received, and he then read out the nominations for the VOX board for 2008 – 2009, which were as follows;

Ross Macphail
Colin Murchie
Joyce Mouriki
Shaun McNeil
Dougie Pickering
Lorraine Nicholson
Graham Morgan
Douglas Pickering
Frank Fallan
Edward Lennon
David Atiyah
Keith Ballantyne

David stated that there were 12 places for board members, and that there had been 12 nominations, two of these David Atiyah and Keith Ballantyne were new nominations, and that the rest of the nominations had previously been involved in VOX.

All but one of the membership agreed to re-elect the board members and the two new nominations, the chair was then handed back to Joyce Mouriki. It was stated that it is a majority vote which stands in this situation and that the 12 places were now elected.

Joyce mentioned that office bearer roles would be elected at the first meeting of the new board.

Joyce once again thanked everyone and asked if there were any questions before bringing the formal part of the AGM to a close.



VOX ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE 2009

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2009
Quaker Meeting House
7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL

Present

Aileen Crew, Alan Douglas, Alan Straiton, Alex Stobart, Andrew Kernohan, Chris Evans, Chrys Muirhead, Colin Murchie, Daniel McNee, David Barnett, Deborah Brooks-Mathieson, Derek Scott, Dougie Pickering, Duncan Robb, Eddie Lennon, Grenville Barkley, Ian McPherson, Isabella Goldie, James Shanks, Jamie McCarron, John Farquarson, Joyce Mouriki, Jonathan Naess, John Moody, John Steel, John West, Katherine Rennie, Lesley Laporte, Lesley McDade, Lorraine Nicholson, Lorraine Kennedy, Mahmud Al-Gailani, Margaret Park, Nadine Gunn, Nahid Aslam, Pamela Shanks, Robert Wilson, Ronald Park, Ross Macphail, Steven Tummons, Stuart Knighton, Susan Kirk, Susan Scott, Vanessa Bowie, Wendy McAuslan, William Brady, William Durham, Yvonne Fleming.

Apologies

Ally Hamilton - VOX Member, Frank Fallan - VOX Vice Chair, Richard Norris - Advisor to VOX Board, Gordon McInnes - Mental Health Network, Aileen McGinty – VOX Member, Graham Morgan MBE - HUG/VOX, Gina Alexander – Klacksun, Fiona Robertson - VOX Member

Welcome

Joyce Mouriki Chairperson, welcomed everyone present to the official business part of the annual general meeting and commented on the annual report which was available in the attendance packs, she made particular mention of all the work that VOX has been involved in with various statutory and voluntary organisations during the last year. Grateful thanks was extended to Isabella Goldie and the Mental Health Foundation staff, Wendy, Mahmud and John, all the VOX board members past and present, board advisors for their excellent work during the year as well, special mention was made of all our members who had contributed their time and effort attending conferences and events and also getting involved in a variety of consultations.

Joyce explained in great detail the move towards independence and the legal situation regarding charitable status, stating that the wheels were now in motion and that the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator had now accepted our draft Constitution and Memorandum and Articles of Association, the initial directors were in place and it was expected that the official documents declaring charitable status would be available within the next month or so. Joyce indicated that this was a very exciting time for everyone who has been involved with the organisation, particularly those who were instrumental in setting VOX up.

Lesley McDade raised several questions regarding items in the Memorandum and Articles of Association which she suggested should be reconsidered. It was intimated that OSCR had approved the DRAFT proposals and there would be an opportunity at a later date to examine them again.

John Moody suggested that an emergency meeting should be held regarding the appointment of Directors. Joyce explained that a number of the present Member Directors were required to sign official documents required to set up the new company and that at the next meeting of the board, due to be held on Monday 29th June 2009, the remainder of the twelve member board members would be co-opted, this would mean a total of twelve Directors with the opportunity to co-opt a further three non member/advisors, giving a maximum of 15 Directors. John also suggested that there should be training for Directors to which Joyce replied that training was already in place.

Wendy also gave an update on the process for independence intimating that it has taken some time to achieve the realisation indicated by the members for an independent company limited by guarantee with charitable status. Wendy took the opportunity to extend her grateful thanks to the Mental Health Foundation for all their assistance. It was at this point that Isabella Goldie intimated that whilst VOX would be independent in the very near future, the Mental Health Foundation would still be available for any assistance required and that the premises used at present were still available.

A number of other questions were raised and answered satisfactorily regarding the board structure, funding, and the location of board and member meetings.

To close the official business of the AGM, members were asked to vote on the dissolution of the organisation in its present form and continue to achieve independence and charitable status; a show of hands indicated a strong vote in favour of the proposal.



VOX 1st Annual General Meeting

Monday 30th August 2010

The Golden Lion Hotel, King Street, Stirling

Present:

Alex Davidson, Alex Lambert, Alistair Traini, Anna Barclay, Anne McLaughlan, Ann-Marie Newman, Bill Brady, Bob Parker, Chrys Muirhead, Colin Murchie, David Atiyah, Dr. Denise Coia, Dougie Pickering, Dr. Donny Lyons, Edward Lennon, Eileen Crew, Frank Fallan, Grenville Barkley, Gina Alexander, Gordon Johnston, Gordon McInnes, Graham Gillespie, Graham Morgan, Graham Ogilvie, Helen Barratt, Hugh Davies, Isabella Goldie, Jackie Proctor, James McKillop, Jenny Duncan, Joanna George, Joanna Kerr, Johannes Parkkonen, John Farquarson, John Sawkins, John Steel, Joyce Mouriki, Karen Hall, Ken Robertson, Laura Collins, Lesley Gavin, Liz Jaconelli, Lorraine Nicholson, Lou Lou Callaghan, Lynda Morrison, Mahmud Al-Gailani, Maurice Frank, Mike Hamilton, Patricia Whalley, Paul Anderson, Pru Davies, Richard Norris, Ross McPhail, Shaun McNeil, Steven Watson, Susan Scott, Thomas Murray, Tina Yu, Tony Chan, Tracy Laird, Trisha McCue, Vincent Edkins, Wendy McAuslan, William McLachlan. **Total Attendance - 64**

Welcome:

Joyce Mouriki VOX Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present to the first official Annual General Meeting of VOX. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Chris Evans, Ally Hamilton, Fiona Robertson, Hazel Hodes, Pamela Shanks and James McDermott.

The Annual Report, which had been previously distributed, was discussed and certain items highlighted.

Joyce also mentioned that unfortunately during the last year the following Directors had resigned, Shaun McNeil, Laura Cameron, Rebecca Turner and Dr. Sandra Grant.

Joyce gave a brief resume of the tremendous contributions made by each to the further development of VOX.

Special mention was made of the valuable contribution made by Shaun, who had been instrumental in setting up the organisation and had been one of its co-founders; Joyce expressed the sentiments of all the members in saying that his advice, support and encouragement would be sadly missed.

Election of Member Directors:

Wendy McAuslan VOX Development Coordinator fully explained the ballot process of electing Member Directors. VOX members having been issued with ballot papers detailing the names and profiles of the nominations were invited to select up to seven from the total of ten nominations.

Following due process the following members were elected as Member Directors of VOX:

**Frank Fallan
Colin Murchie
Jamila Brown
Tracy Laird
John Sawkins
James McDermott
Pamela Shanks**

Joyce congratulated the new Member Directors, welcomed them on to the Board and intimated that the next meeting of the board will be held on Monday 20th September 2010, full details would be available in due course.

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was duly closed.