

Minutes of the 2014 ASDC AGM

23rd September 2014

Hosted by The Royal Society

3.30 - 5.30 pm Chaired by Dr Teresa Anderson, MBE, ASDC Chair

Welcome and Thanks
ASDC Chair Dr Teresa Anderson welcomed all members to the AGM, and thanked The Royal Society for hosting the conference. TA also thanked the ASDC trustees, CEO Dr Penny Fidler and executive team for their work over the past year.
Chair's Report by Dr Teresa Anderson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA overviewed the successes of ASDC across the year, noting the ASDC is a major player in sector, with 20 million visitors a year and around 2 million school visits. ASDC is the largest network delivering hands on science engagement with a key role to play to push forward the STEM agenda. • Important time to take stock, on the eve of conference, with an amazing roster of speakers. • Penny was congratulated for her hard work over the last 6 years, especially on the lobbying. • Funding environment is difficult and we will have to adapt. The board and executive are closely monitoring this.
Approval of minutes
Minutes from the 2013 AGM were approved as an accurate record (these are on-line)
Presentation of the CEO's report by Dr Penny Fidler
Dr Penny Fidler, ASDC CEO, reported on the highlights of the year, and ASDC National Projects.
Financial Report, Audit Process and Approval of Accounts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Trevitt (Treasurer) and Chris Godden (Finance Director) presented the Treasurers report and annual accounts 2013-14, noting that the majority of income is from projects which ASDC bids for competitively. The membership fee brings in only around 30K and this is the entire core funding contribution. • Peter Trevitt thanked Chris Godden, Penny Fidler and executive team and board. • Peter Trevitt recommended the 2013-14 ASDC Accounts for approval • Accounts approved by members present • Corrigan associates were thanked for carrying out the independent examination of the accounts • Peter Trevitt proposed the re-appointment of Corrigan Associates as the auditors for the Independent examination. This was approved by members present
Introduction of the current Trustees
Current ASDC Trustees introduced themselves to the members present

Elections to the ASDC Trustee Board

Each year elections are held for members to stand for the ASDC Trustee Board. The term is 3 years, and each year approximately a third of current trustees retire or stand for re-election. All those standing for election had their manifestos displayed on-line in advance and circulated to members.

The following Trustees retired (or retired since the last AGM) and were thanked by the ASDC Chair:

- John Ellison, Eden Project
- Anthony Richards, Science Museum Group
- Kenny Webster, Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum

There are a maximum of 16 Trustees allowable on the ASDC Board. This year, combined with the current trustees, we had space on the board for all those standing for election, thus a vote was not held and instead the ASDC Chair asked members to approve the election of the following people. Each candidate presented their election statement .

Members approved the appointment of the following Trustees:

- Phil Winfield, CEO At-Bristol Science Centre (re-standing)
- Linda Conlon, CEO, International Centre for Life, Newcastle
- Karen Davies, Science Museum Group

- New trustees were welcomed onto board by Teresa

- Penny, on behalf of the network, thanked
 - The Royal Society for hosting
 - ASDC team for delivering the AGM and the conference
- The formal proceedings of AGM were closed and this was followed by an informal members questions and answers