



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GENDER IDENTITY RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION SOCIETY**

On Sunday 3rd September 2017

At Meverley, The Warren, Ashted, Surrey, KT21 2SP

(DRAFT - Subject to approval by the members at the next AGM)

The meeting commenced at 2.51 pm. The Chair Celia Macleod welcomed members and guests, including Baroness Barker, and three of the founding trustees to the 19th AGM of the Society.

1. Appointment of the Executive Committee.

Celia Macleod (Chair), Christl Hughes (Secretary), Bernard Reed (Treasurer), Terry Reed, Paula Dooley, Emma Cusdin, and Heather Cox. Two additional members had been co-opted as trustees since the previous AGM, Ben Vincent and Surat-Shaan Knan, who gave brief biographies to the attendees. All trustees were elected unanimously.

Proposed by Jenny-Anne Bishop

Seconded by Jane Clark

2. Minutes of last year's annual general meeting

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were presented and approved unanimously as correct.

Proposed by Janeen Willis

Seconded by Mary Deans

3. Report and Accounts for 2016

Bernard Reed reported on GIRES' developments (including the GIRES website, tranzwiki, incidence statistics, translation of the WPATH SOC, Awards for All, corporate members, awards received, and trans prisoners), as well as the accounts. Terry Reed summarised the year's meetings and training, and thanked everyone (particularly Baroness Barker) who had given support to the organisation during the previous year, plus all those present for attending. Baroness Barker spoke on the parliamentary forum, and the Albert Kennedy Trust. These overviews were approved unanimously.

Proposed by Jane Clark

Seconded by Janeen Willis

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Ian Rankin was unanimously reappointed as Independent Examiner.

Proposed by Helen Belcher

Seconded by Jane Clark

5. Any Other Business

Ben Vincent invited engagement from attendees in the development of their transgender healthcare book. The meeting closed at 3.33 pm.

Afterwards members discussed three ways to influence government policy. First, NHS England is seeking views, by 16 October, about its proposals regarding gender identity services for adults. Secondly, the Government Equalities Office (GEO) has launched a survey, which runs until 15 October, among LGBT people about their experiences and the improvements they seek in public services. Thirdly, the GEO plans a consultation in the autumn on reducing the bureaucratic and medical burdens in obtaining gender recognition. There was also a concurrent workshop for families of gender diverse people.