

## AGM

**Wednesday 22nd September 2021 7:30pm**

**Present:** Matthew Dell, Alison Berwick, Andrew Capone, Andy Lewis, Barbara Meaney, Carol Gregson, Catherine Herring, Dave Legrand, David Bayne, David Bayliss, David Quinn, Eryl D'Souza, Gareth Rein, Gratton Mulcrow, Helen Bridges, Jennifer Rowlands, Julia Cunningham, Kath Wilson, Marianne Tomlinson-Lane, Marie-Therese Weston, Nancy Conoboy, Peter Giorgio, Peter Hornak, Philip Gray, Roisin Sherrington, Roisin Ross, Salumenty Odhiambo, Tammie McNamara

**Apologies:** Alice Ward, Maureen Glackin, Sr Mary Kenefick, Peter Ward

### Agenda:

1. Prayer and Welcome - Tammie McNamara
2. Minutes from Previous AGM - Helen Bridges, Secretary
3. Chair's Report - Matthew Dell, Chair
4. Vote on Constitution - Nancy Conoboy
5. Conference Report - Nancy Conoboy, Vice Chair
6. Communication Report - David Bayne
7. Presentation of Accounts - Dave Legrand, Treasurer
8. Vote on Executive Committee - Helen Bridges

### 1. Prayer and Welcome

Tammie led everyone in prayer at the start of the meeting.

### 2. Minutes from previous AGM - Helen Bridges, Secretary

Helen outlined the minutes from the 2020 AGM with a quick recap, although the full minutes were sent out in advance of the meeting.

Julia Cunningham proposed these as an accurate representation, and this was seconded by Dave Legrand. 25 out of 30 people present voted in favour, none against. There were no matters arising.

### 3. Chair's Report - Matthew Dell, Chair

Matthew started by thanking Peter Hornak, Roisin Sherrington and Sean Whittle for their service to ATCRE and participation on the Executive Committee over the last few years. Their term of office has ended, and they decided not to seek re-election.

Matthew notes that this is our third AGM and summarised the events of the last year:

- continue to have articles published in Networking magazine
- ATCRE continue to work in partnership with NBRIA, CES, NATRE and Culham St Gabriel
- we had 373 participants registered for 8 sessions for our virtual conference in October 2020.
- we provided monthly free CPD, with over 800 people registered and over 400 people attending.
- we have expanded our Executive Committee and have set up working parties which is proving to be a more effective model
- ATCRE continue to lead on the consultation of RE teachers for the Curriculum Directory with the CES.

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- ATCRE is represented on the Prayer and Liturgy Directory writing group
- ATCRE are part of the National Working Party focusing on RE teacher recruitment and retention alongside Bishop Alan Williams

## 4. **Vote on Constitution - Nancy Conoboy, Vice Chair**

Nancy has been chairing the Constitution working group this year, and after discussion they recommended the following changes:

- Executive Committee Members - we should aim to have someone from an ecumenical school on the Exec.
- Exec members - to be elected every 3 years
- Papers for the AGM to be circulated 5 working days before the AGM

Questions:

- Should we change Ecumenical to Joint Church School representative? It was agreed that the wording here should be changed for the vote.
- Is there a presumption that the Joint Church School representative is Catholic? Matthew answered yes, but this is not necessarily something that needs writing into the Constitution. Nancy stated that this will be discussed further in the next Constitution working party.

The vote: 28 votes in favour; 0 against. The changes to the constitution were passed.

## 5. **Conference Report - Julia Cunningham, Vice Chair**

Julia chairs the Conference working party, and they have been planning the third conference, however it is the second face-to-face. ATCRE has not want to be a London-centric organisation, so this conference is being held in Manchester, as ATCRE is a national organisation.

We are currently have over 100 tickets sold, and the day will start with Mass at 9am as an option for those who can attend. There will be a welcome, opening prayer, 12 seminar speakers and keynote speakers (David Wells and Philip Robinson). There are 14 exhibitors signed up and cover a range of sectors

## 6. **Communication Report - David Bayne**

David thanked the members of the communication working group, especially Andy Lewis who has put so much time and energy into this area.

There has been an increase of over 200 members this year. For Facebook the average reach is increasing, and we consistently have over 600 people seeing posts, whereas this time last year it was nearer 200. Throughout the year 10,883 people have seen something about ATCRE on Facebook. This shows quite clearly that there is interest out there and we need to keep tapping into it.

Looking ahead, the Communications working party is keen to vary the content we provide, for example, give access to previous CPD videos. There are various methods to schedule posts, and we are getting towards the end of our free access and as our membership grows, we may need to start paying for subscriptions. Instagram has been set up this year, and our followers there tend not to be teachers but people in the broader educational sphere.

We are ahead of the industry standard of 30% of people opening emails, as we stand at 44%. We will look to try and engage the remainder further in the forthcoming year.

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There were no questions or comments.

## **7. Presentation of Accounts - Dave Legrand, Treasurer**

Considering the impact of Covid, the accounts this year are not too dissimilar from last year's presentation as we had no face-to-face conference. We are still very grateful for the money from the Assumption Legacy Fund, which we have now received all; it has been invaluable in helping us get set up and running our first conference.

We received some profit from the February 2020 conference, which has also gone towards the conference in October 2021.

Accounts currently have £7,854.94 but this is very changeable now being a few weeks away from the next conference. There are many costs which will be going out of the account which have not yet been included in this figure.

Looking ahead, it would be good to set up two reports on accounts. One which shows the day to day running of ATCRE, and one to show the Conference costs. This will help provide more detail in reporting.

There were no questions or comments.

## **8. Vote on Executive Committee - Helen Bridges, Secretary**

Participants voted on who should be placed on the Executive Committee, with the results being: Dave Legrand, Andy Lewis, David Bayne, Jennifer Rowlands, David Bayliss, Carol Gregson.

Matthew congratulated them all and welcomed them to the next ATCRE full Executive meeting.

There were no other questions or comments.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm