

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 November 2015

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Standing Orders.

2. Minutes of 2014 AGM (Copies available at the meeting).

3. Matters Arising (from minutes and not included elsewhere on agenda)

4. Report of the Council of Management. (The Annual Report is enclosed with this notice.)

5. Adoption of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015

The full Financial Statements examined by the reviewing accountants will be available to members attending the meeting, and will be sent to members on request. The Honorary Treasurer will deliver her Report for the year ended 31 March 2015 which is enclosed, together with an abstract of the Financial Statements on the reverse.

6. Election of Officers (who are *ex-officio* members of Council)

The nominations for the Officers' positions (elected annually) are:

(a) President: **Terry Sanderson** (nominated by Michael Irwin, seconded by Diane Murray)

The presidential candidate will make an address.

(b) Vice-Presidents:

(i) **Alistair McBay** (nominated by Neil Barber, seconded by Elizabeth McIver)

(ii) **Adrian Tippetts** (nominated by Derrick Lennard, seconded by Baptiste Bourgougnon)

The Articles provide for up to two Vice-Presidents

(c) Treasurer: **Edward Moore** (nominated by John Dowdle, seconded by Ben Collier)

7. Election of other members of the Council of Management

The following candidates have retired by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:

(i) **Ray Newton** (nominated by Dominic Wirdnam, seconded by Malcolm Booker)

(ii) **Gerard Phillips** (nominated by Shaun Joynson, seconded by Dominic Wirdnam)

The following members of Council were co-opted during the year and are required to retire and are standing for re-election:

(iii) **Judy Audaer** (nominated by Mary Clear, seconded by David Fox)

(iv) **Dorothy Smith** (nominated by Alexander Michael Benakis, seconded by Izzet Hasip)

Also standing for Council:

(v) **Geoffrey Channon** (nominated by Claudine Baxter, seconded by Virginia Kennedy)

8. Election of reviewing accountants.

The Council proposes that Hunt Blake and Co. be re-appointed as reviewing accountants of the NSS.

9. Appointment of Agenda Committee

10. Motions (1 Council and 1 member motion overleaf)

11. Conclusion of AGM

MOTIONS FOR AGM 2015

The following motions are ordinary motions and require a simple majority of members voting to pass:

MOTION A (Council motion)

This AGM notes that the directors intend, if they consider it appropriate, to:

1. indemnify directors or former directors and staff or former staff against negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company and its occupational pension scheme, except where this would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.
2. to purchase and maintain insurance against loss, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any director, former director, staff or former staff in respect of any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by them in connection with their duties or powers in relation to the Company or any pension fund of the Company.

MOTION B (Member motion)

Islam

The NSS resolves that it will be guided by the principle that Islam and its adherents shall have no special nor privileged position in society compared to any other belief. In particular:

1. All people should be as free to criticise, mock, satirise or ridicule Islam to the same extent as they may do in relation to other beliefs and this is an important part of freedom of expression and
2. Muslims must be fully subject to the laws of the country to the same extent that Christians are and no exceptions nor allowances should be made for the sake of Islamic beliefs and
3. The country's secular laws must be the overriding laws and apply fully to the domestic and family life of all Muslims so as to protect the individual rights of all, including women and minors within Muslim-led families.

Proposed by Geoffrey H. L. Berg

Seconded by Guy Otten

The Council unanimously opposes this motion on grounds that it is superfluous, made redundant by the Secular Charter and a policy statement approved by the AGM in 2014 which stated: *"The National Secular Society upholds the universality of individual Human Rights, which should never be overridden on the grounds of religion, tradition or culture."*