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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INSITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT

Thursday 3rd October 2019, 10.45am at Courteenhall Estate, Courteenhall, Northampton, NN7 2QD

PRESENT: Chairman, Martin Wilkinson (MW) agenda number 1-8 then Chairman, Mark Robins (MR); Director, Victoria Bywater (VB) and 61 members of the Institute.

AGENDA NUMBER		ACTION
	MW confirmed that the notice for the AGM had been circulated to all members by post and all papers relating to the AGM had been published on the Institute website.	
1.	To receive apologies for absence MW confirmed apologies for absence from 62 members of the Institute	
2.	To receive the minutes of the AGM held on 14th December 2019 MW confirmed that a copy of the minutes for the AGM held on 14 th December 2019 had been published on the Institute website. The meeting agreed that the minutes were a true reflection of the AGM held on the 14 th December 2019.	
3.	To receive the Annual report for 2018/2019 MW confirmed that the Annual report was included within the accounts for the year 2018/2019 published on the Institute website. No comment	
4.	To receive Chairman's report for 2018/2019 Last year I reported to members the change of Director, with Victoria Bywater taking on the role from Richard Cooksley. I am sure you will agree that Victoria has had a very good first year in post and I know that she has enjoyed the challenge and responsibility of the role. In addition to the normal running of the Institute, Victoria has been actively involved with council reviewing and updating the constitution. There are no material changes to the constitution, but the structure is now brought in line with the Charity Commission expectations. Professionalism is core to the Institutes strategy going forward. "Unprecedented" may not be appropriate when looking at the management challenges agriculture faces in the next few years, but I think unprecedented in the working lives of practitioners be they farmers, managers, or other stakeholders in Agriculture is appropriate. The well-versed observations about UK productivity challenges are clear to all. It is the management skills and competencies that will contribute to productivity improvements. The Institutes' Professional grade of membership, with all that it encompasses will contribute to business productivity improvements. The Institute has now established a farm management skills programme to contribute to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) criteria, details of which are available to members on the web site. This year we have also initiated a series of modules covering a	VB

	<p>range of topics. This initial series of training opportunities commences on the 22nd October at Harper Adams University covering Risk Management & Technology/ Data Module.</p> <p>Members will have seen that there have been changes to the website. The introduction of the jobs and placement page has been well received. Additionally, the recording of CPD activity has changed from a paper-based system to an online system accessed via the web site. I encourage all members, especially the student members, to actively engage in recording the CPD activities undertaken. A robust evidenced based CPD record can be invaluable when exploring different employment opportunities as well as demonstrating professionalism to stakeholders in different supply chains.</p> <p>Last year I reported on our work related to the Agri-Food Industry Workforce Skills and Development Strategy. The Institute has continued to meet and discuss our potential contribution to this initiative. Victoria Bywater and I met with a steering group at Stoneleigh to explain more about membership and in particular our professional membership. The steering group are looking to co-ordinate existing organisations and we have agreed that the Institute would be pleased to work with the initiative going forward in relation to professional recognition in the area of farm business management.</p> <p>In the last year we awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Institute to the following members for their outstanding contribution to both the charitable objectives of the Institute and the agricultural industry:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Baroness Byford Professor Malcolm Stansfield Tony King Richard Cooksley</p> <p>In the last 12 months we have actively promoted I Agr M membership to full time students. We now have 138 student members. Full time students benefit from free membership. Being a student member is an opportunity to develop a wider network of people and an opportunity to rub shoulders in the adult world.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank Richard Cooksley, Victoria Bywater and Mark Robins as well as the rest of council for their generous support throughout my tenure as Chairman.</p>	
5.	<p><i>To consider the adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2019</i></p> <p>MW confirmed that a copy of the annual accounts for the year ended 30th June 2019 had been published on the Institute website.</p> <p>The Treasurer, Tom Brunt, noted that although the accounts had shown a deficit this was due to decisions made to invest in members attending the IFMA Congress in Tasmania, improvements to the website and professional legal advice on the Constitution. The Treasurer reminded attendees that the Institute is a not-for-profit organisation with good reserves.</p> <p>It was proposed to accept the accounts by Andrew Brown, seconded by Richard Price, all agreed.</p>	1.
6.	<p><i>To consider and appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners</i></p> <p>MW proposed to appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners, seconded by Giles Martin, all agreed.</p>	
7.	<p><i>To elect the President</i></p>	

	<p>MW proposed the re-election of Lord Iveagh as President of the Institute, seconded by Simon Ward, all agreed.</p> <p>MW thanked Lord Iveagh for his ongoing support of the Institute and his attendance at events.</p>	
8.	<p><i>To elect members of Council</i></p> <p>MW confirmed that Council recommend Mark Robins as Chairman , seconded by Mark Suthern, all in favour.</p> <p>MR proposed Carl Atkin as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Richard Price, all in favour.</p> <p>MR reminded the meeting that under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Institute, there can be up to fourteen elected members of Council.</p> <p>MR confirmed that John Giles offers to stand for election to Council for a three-year term and Caroline Drummond, James Standen and Mark Suthern offer to stand for a second three-year term. MR proposed to elect en bloc, seconded by Graham Redman, all in favour.</p>	
9.	<p><i>To elect co-opted members of Council</i></p> <p>MR reminded the meeting that under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Institute there can be up to 3 co-opted members of Council who are elected for a one-year term.</p> <p>MR confirmed that Mark Yearsley offers to stand for co-option to Council for a one-year term.</p> <p>MR proposed Mark Yearsley for co-option onto Council, seconded by Graham Redman, all agreed.</p>	
10.	<p><i>To agree changes to the Constitution</i></p> <p>MR updated the meeting that following a review of the Constitution, Council agreed to re-draft the Constitution to bring the charity in line with the model Constitution required by the Charity Commission. Council instructed Roythornes Solicitors to oversee the work and Council recommends the re-drafted Constitution is adopted by the Institute. MR proposed the adoption of the re-drafted Constitution, seconded by Martin Wilkson, all in favour.</p>	
11.	<p><i>To approve the subscription levels from 1st July 2019</i></p> <p>MR informed the meeting that Council recommend to increase the current subscription levels from 1st July 2020 as follows;</p> <p>Member (MIAGrM) - £90.00 Fellow (FIAGrM) - £135.00 Professional Member (PMIAGrM/P FIAGrM) - £135.00 Commended Member (CMIAGrM/ CFIAGrM) - £135.00 Students – Free of charge</p> <p>MR proposed to increase the subscriptions as outlined above, seconded by Mark Yearsley, all in favour.</p>	
12.	<p><i>To record a vote of thanks</i></p> <p>MR thanked Martin Wilkinson for his work at Chairman of the Institute steering the</p>	

	<p>Institute through a period of change of both Director and updates to the Constitution. MR further thanked Marking Wilkinson for the initiation of the accreditation work which he hoped he would continue as a Council member.</p> <p>MR thanked Johnny Wake and Charlie Reynolds for their hospitality in hosting the AGM at Courteenhall Estate.</p> <p>MR thanked VB for the ongoing work and updates as well as the preparation for the upcoming Farm Management Skills Programme.</p>	
13.	<p>AOB</p> <p>No comments.</p>	

With no further business, the meeting closed at 11.10am