



The Heritage Crafts Association

President: HRH The Prince of Wales

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### Annual General Meeting

12.05 pm, Saturday 22 March 2014  
Carpenters' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London

#### Minutes

1. Welcome by the Chair.  
Robin Wood presented a review of the year. 2013/4 has been a great year. The Trustee board is excellent; Robin thanked all those who have served as Committee Members and as volunteers. Robin outlined the challenges facing the HCA, going forwards.
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Angela Brown, David Mortlock, David Partridge, Doug Joiner, Harriet Frazer (The Lettering Arts Trust), Kathleen Clark (Basketmakers Association), Lesley Churton (Sheffield Woodturning Club), and Lisa Sansom (ARYMA).
3. The Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 23 March 2013 were approved (Proposed: Chris Rowley, seconded Mary Butcher: for 57, abstained 1, against 0)
4. No matters arose from the Minutes.
5. and 6. The Annual Report for year ending 30 June 2013 and the Financial Statement for year ending 30 June were received (Proposed: Kevin da Silva, seconded Greta Bertram, passed nem. con.). Robin Wood reminded those present that the report only covers the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 and therefore do not include the achievements of the HCA over the past few months, such as The Makers directory. During that period 2 trustees (Brian Crossley and Chris Rowley) have stood down, and four new Trustees have been co-opted: Andie Harris, Freya Roger, Jonathan Lloyd-Platt and Tricia Rafferty. Anne Cuthbertson has been co-opted as advisor. Catherine Dyson (Treasurer) was complimented on the presentation of the accounts.

7. Robin Wood was appointed as Chair, Patricia Lovett as Vice Chair, Greta Bertram as Secretary, and Catherine Dyson as Treasurer. Andie Harris, Freya Roger, Jonathan Lloyd-Platt and Tricia Rafferty were elected as Trustees. (Proposed: Hilary Jennings, seconded: Anna Crutchley: passed nem. con.)
8. The following resolutions were considered, and voted upon in groups, as detailed below

Resolutions 1-3

- 1) It is resolved that The Heritage Crafts Association applies to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- 2) It is resolved that, once The Heritage Crafts Association has become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, approved by the Charity Commission, all the undertakings, assets, liabilities, obligations and staff of the existing charity be transferred to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- 3) It is resolved that, once the transfer of all undertakings, assets, liabilities, obligations and staff is complete, the existing Charity be dissolved.

Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 were passed, nem. con.

Resolutions 4- 8

| Resolution | Rule | Existing Rule   | Proposed Rule  |
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| 4)         | 2(1) | Members are 'Friends' and 'Affiliated Organisations'.   | Members are 'Individuals', ' <del>Affiliated</del> Organisations' and 'Affiliated Businesses'.                                   |
| 5)         | 2(2) | Membership is open to individuals over eighteen or organisations, who are approved by the Trustees. | Membership is open to individuals over eighteen, organisations or businesses. The Trustees have the right to decline membership. |
| 6)         | 2(6) | Additional rule 2   | Honorary Membership of the HCA may be granted by a majority of Trustees, and may be for a period or for life.                    |
| 7)         | 2(7) | Additional rule 2   | Membership of the HCA is subject to receipt by the HCA of the correct membership fee and runs for 12 months.                     |
| 8)         | 4(1) | The subscription for members of the Association shall be such                                       | The subscription for members of the Association shall be such a sum as may be  |

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|  |  | a sum as may be determined by the Committee from time to time. The first subscription shall be on application for membership and then due annually on 1 July each year. | determined by the Committee from time to time. The first subscription shall be on application for membership and then due annually. |
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On resolution 6, a member cautioned that in other organisations, appointing large numbers of honorary members had caused problems of inaccuracy. Robin Wood responded that the Trustees did not intend to give many honorary memberships: these would be a small minority of members, and therefore not create this problem. Resolutions 4, 5, 6 and 7 were passed, nem.con.

#### Resolutions 9-11

9) It is resolved that Individual Membership subscription be set at £20 per annum.

10) It is resolved that Affiliated Organisation Membership be set at £40 per annum.

11) If resolutions 4 and 6 are passed, it is further resolved that, Affiliated Business Membership be set at £40 per annum

Terry Hunt (Association for Contemporary Jewellery) observed that for small Affiliated Organisations, £40 represented a significant sum. Robin Wood responded that the HCA was a lean and effective advocate for the members of Affiliated Organisations.

Resolutions 9, 10 and 11 were passed: for 57, abstained 1, against 0.

Robin Wood, noting that amendment 6 had been passed, announced that the Trustees had decided that, should this be the case, Brian Crossley should be the first to be given Honorary Member status. Brian had been the inaugural Secretary of the HCA, and continued until retiring earlier in the year. Brian was presented with a token of the Trustee's regard. Robin paid tribute to the work done by Chris Rowley, and thanked him for his time as a Trustee.

#### 9. Any Other Business

Chris Rowley proposed a round of applause for the Trustees for their work over the year, and this was warmly acted upon.