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BASS Annual General Meeting
2 June 2015, Marylebone Church, Marylebone Road, London
Notes from the meeting (prepared by WM)

Chair: Chris Cook

Executive members present: Arthur Hawes, Wilf McSherry, Cheryl Hunt, David Rousseau, Helen McSherry

Apologies: Linda Ross, Sarah Egger, Carl Becker, Melanie Rogers, John Swinton, Jacqueline Watson, Beth Crisp, Larry Culliford, Alastair Wyllie, Fiona Timmins, Ursula King, Roger Gill

Notes: Wilf McSherry

Item		Action
1	<p><u>Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Chair opened and welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were recorded as above.</p> <p>DR received 12 proxies to vote on behalf of member who are not present.</p> <p>CC noted that it was with great sadness that since the last AGM Edward Bailey had died. The association would like to record with gratitude his leadership of the association over the past five years and the invaluable contribution he has made to the association.</p>	
2	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 21st of May 2014</u></p>	

	These were reviewed – question was raised about the names of the ‘numerous BASS members attended’ can this be amended if a list of attendees has been kept	LR
3	<u>Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting</u> No matter arising from the previous minutes	
4	<u>To receive the Report of the President and Executive and the Annual Accounts for the period ended 31st of March 2013</u>	
	<u>Report of the President (Prof. Chris Cook)</u> Recorded and approved unanimously	
	<u>Report of the Membership Secretary (Dr Linda Ross)</u> Recorded and approved unanimously	
	<u>Report of the Treasurer (Mrs Helen McSherry)</u> No questions – report and account approved unanimously	
	<u>Report of the Editor of the <i>Journal for the Study of Spirituality</i> (Dr Cheryl Hunt)</u> Received with thanks and approved unanimously.	

5	<p><u>To elect three members to the Executive</u></p> <p>The following three persons have been duly nominated, seconded and have indicated their willingness to stand for election to the Executive:</p> <p><u>1. Prof. Chris Cook (retiring by rotation, standing for re-election), nominated by Wilf McSherry and Linda Ross</u></p> <p>Elected unanimously</p> <p><u>2. The Venerable Arthur Hawes (retiring by rotation, standing for re-election), nominated by Margaret Holloway and David Rousseau</u></p> <p>Elected unanimously</p> <p><u>3. Dr Cheryl Hunt (retiring by rotation, standing for re-election), nominated by David Rousseau and John Swinton</u></p> <p>Elected Unanimously</p>	
6	<p><u>To appoint Mrs Helen McSherry as the Reporting Accountant for the period prescribed by the Companies Act 2006</u></p> <p>Approved unanimously</p>	
7	<p><u>To discuss planning for the BASS IV Conference, to be held in May 2016</u></p> <p>As all present have discussed this thoroughly it was proposed that this item be deferred to the next Executive meeting in September. However, it was agreed that BASS IV Conference be held week 16 -17-18 May 2016.</p> <p>MH raised a question about the balance between costs over quality of experience.</p>	
8	<p><u>To transact any other relevant business</u></p> <p>No further matter raised and meeting closed at 15.25</p>	

	Exact Date and Time of the next AGM is to be confirmed, but it will be integrated with the BASS IV Conference	
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