

WGGB Annual General Meeting 2017

Wednesday 13th September 2017

10.30pm to 5pm (doors open at 10am)

The St Albans Centre, Leigh Place, Baldwin Gardens, London EC1N 7AB.

Final Agenda

1. Quorum: 28 Full Members and/or Life Members
2. Standing Orders Committee Report
3. Appointment of tellers. *Two required*
4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 June 2016
Copies will be available at the meeting. If you require a copy in advance, please download it from the WGGB website www.writersguild.org.uk or contact the WGGB office.
5. Chair's Report
6. General Secretary's report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Presentation and adoption of audited accounts
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9. Appointment of Auditors
10. Meet the Writers panel
11. Results of elections and announcement of vacancies

Lunch break – approx. 1pm – 2pm

12. Meet the Writers panel
13. Motions

a) Increase the term of office for Officers of the Guild

This AGM resolves to change the rules so that Officers of the Guild can serve four terms in office. The term of office is one year and Officers can currently serve for no more than three consecutive years. This rule change would allow Officers to serve for four consecutive years if elected. This would also put the WGGB more in line with other Writers' Guilds internationally. This rule change would not affect the term of office for the Treasurer which does not have a limit on the amount of terms served.

Motion: To replace 'three' with 'four' in section 11.3.

The revised rule would read:

11.3 They shall hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election. No member of the Executive Council, excepting the Treasurer, shall hold the same office in the Guild for more than four years consecutively. No retiring officer of the Guild shall be eligible for election to the EC for a period of one year after relinquishing office. No member may hold more than one of the offices specified above at any one time.

Proposer: Emma Reeves Seconder: Gail Renard

Supported by the Executive Council

Note: Motion (a) is a rule-changing motion and therefore requires a two-thirds majority

b) Candidate members transferring membership

This AGM resolves to change the rules to make it clear that Candidate members must transfer to Full Membership when they are eligible to do so. The rule also currently implies that there are other categories of membership that a Candidate member can transfer to.

Motion: Replace section 5.1 (v) with the following rule:

5.1 (v) A Candidate Member shall be any person intending to qualify for Full Membership, but who does not yet qualify. A Candidate Member who becomes eligible for Full Membership must transfer to Full Membership.

Proposed by: Andrew S Walsh Seconder: Piers Beckley

Supported by the Executive Council

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14. Annual report: section by section

15. Election of Standing Orders Committee for 2017-2018

16. President's closing remarks: Olivia Hetreed

17. Any other business

AGM papers:

Papers can be downloaded from the Guild website <https://writersguild.org.uk/save-date-agm-2017/> alternatively if you would like a paper copy sent to you in advance of the meeting then please contact us on 020 7833 0777 (please leave a message with your membership details) or via email admin@writersguild.org.uk.

There will be limited copies of papers available at the meeting, if you require a large print version then please contact us in advance.