

THE WRITERS' GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The legislation relating to trade unions requires the Guild to submit a return for each calendar year to the Certification Officer. This return contains accounts which must give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Guild at the year end and of its transactions for the year then ended. The accounts set out on the following pages have been prepared on the same basis and are used to complete the return to the Certification Officer.

In relation to the Writers' Guild of Britain the requirement to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view is the responsibility of the Executive Council. The Executive Council is responsible for preparing accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). In so doing the Executive Council is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Executive Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records and establishing and maintaining a satisfactory system of control over its records and transactions in order to comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Guild and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

TO THE MEMBERS OF

THE WRITERS' GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN

We have audited the financial statements of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain for the year ended 31 December 2019, set out on pages 3 to 14. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Guild's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Guild's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Guild and the Guild's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Union's National Executive Council and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities of the Guild's Executive Council on page 3, the National Executive Council is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Guild's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Guild's Executive Council; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Guild's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We are required by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) to report to you by exception in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- A satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.
- The Guild has not kept proper accounting records.
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the books of account.
- We have not received all the information and explanations we need for our audit.

We have nothing to report to you in respect of the above matters.

Alexander Gillespie
Senior Statutory Auditor
Gillespie Inverarity & Co. Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
33 Leslie Street
Blairgowrie
Perthshire
PH10 6AW

Dated:

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	NOTE	2019 £	2018 £
INCOME			
Subscriptions		523,087	493,583
Other income		51,001	59,205
		574,088	552,788
EXPENDITURE			
Staff costs		295,108	258,205
Membership Activity and Communication Costs	2	95,500	108,753
Premises and Equipment Costs	3	61,508	65,739
Administration Expenses	4	66,757	58,893
		518,873	491,590
PROFIT(LOSS)FOR THE YEAR		55,215	61,198
CORPORATION TAX	5	9,992	11,609
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		45,223	49,589
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		579,472	529,883
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		624,695	579,472

There are no recognised gains and liabilities other than those passing through the income and expenditure account.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

WELFARE FUND

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations (members)	38	2,532
Interest	-	-
	<hr/> 38 <hr/>	<hr/> 2,532 <hr/>
EXPENDITURE		
Members Subscriptions/Grants	-	-
Loans Written Off	2,811	2,000
	<hr/> 2,811 <hr/>	<hr/> 2,000 <hr/>
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	(2,773)	532
BALANCES BOUGHT FORWARD	48,372	47,840
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<hr/> 45,599 <hr/>	<hr/> 48,372 <hr/>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

ROYALTIES ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Royalties received	23,875	10,855
	<hr/> 23,875	<hr/> 10,855
 PAYMENTS		
Distribution to Members	19,678	19,882
Commission on Royalties	-	-
	<hr/> 19,678	<hr/> 19,882
 NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE	 4,197	 (9,027)
MONIES HELD FOR DISTRIBUTION B/FWD	47,648	56,675
MONIES HELD FOR REDISTRIBUTION C/FWD	<hr/> 51,845	<hr/> 47,648

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	NOTE	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	6		470		628
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and Prepayments		23,998		12,624	
Loans to Members (Welfare Fund)		12,822		10,793	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		759,403		747,826	
		796,223		771,243	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Royalties collected for Members		51,845		47,648	
Creditors and Accruals		74,554		96,379	
		126,399		144,027	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			669,824		627,216
			670,294		627,844
Represented by:					
GENERAL FUND			624,695		579,472
WELFARE FUND			45,599		48,372
			670,294		627,844

ELEANOR PEERS

GENERAL SECRETARY

LISA HOLSWORTH

CHAIR

Approved for issue to the members:

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and Companies Act 2006.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are accounted for on receipt basis.

Donations

Donations to the Guild are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure in the accounts is inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates estimated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office Equipment	25% on written down value
Computer equipment	25% on written down value

Operating Leases

Rental payments in respect of operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
1 OTHER INCOME		
Bank interest	1,202	845
Commission on Royalties	-	-
Awards Income	43,850	51,460
Other Income	349	1,300
SSVC Donations	5,600	5,600
	<hr/> 51,001 <hr/>	<hr/> 59,205 <hr/>
2 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY AND COMMUNICATION COSTS		
Postage and Telephone	3,309	3,295
Meetings Expenses	15,386	15,332
Guild Awards Expenses	47,521	52,757
Legal Representation	18,774	19,770
Communications	10,510	17,599
	<hr/> 95,500 <hr/>	<hr/> 108,753 <hr/>

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	2019	2018
	£	£
3 PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT COSTS		
Rent Rates and Utilities	47,632	44,795
Insurance	3,132	4,731
Repairs and Maintenance	1,834	3,726
Equipment Hire	4,159	2,460
Computer Support	4,593	9,817
Depreciation	158	210
	<hr/> 61,508 <hr/>	<hr/> 65,739 <hr/>
4 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Membership System	15,339	11,499
Advertising & Publicity	-	-
Stationary	1,373	3,499
Archive Storage	645	610
Travelling and Subsistence	6,920	10,005
Affiliation Fees	14,345	14,041
Audit and Accountancy	11,280	11,240
Bank charges and Interest	452	347
Sundry	12,814	3,351
Legal & Professional	3,589	4,301
	<hr/> 66,757 <hr/>	<hr/> 58,893 <hr/>

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5 TAX CHARGE ON SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2019	2018
	£	£
Corporation Tax Change for the Year	9,992	11,609

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 st January 2018	18,066	33,668	51,724
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st December 2019	18,066	33,668	51,734

DEPRECIATION

At 1 st January 2018	17,876	33,230	51,103
Disposals	-	-	-
Charges for the Year	48	110	158
At 31 st December 2019	17,924	33,340	51,261

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 st December 2019	142	328	470
At 31 st December 2018	190	438	628

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7 OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2019, there were annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Operating Lease Which Expires		
In Less Than Five Years	35,000	30,000

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Information to be provided to Members as required under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) for the year ended 31 December 2019

SUMMARY OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS PROVIDED

During the year, the General Secretary received a gross salary of £62,920 and Pension Contributions of £5,663.

The President and the members of the Executive Council do not receive any salaries or any benefits. They are reimbursed for any expenditure incurred by them in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Guild as is the General Secretary.

DECLARATION TO MEMBERS

We are also required by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) to include the following declaration in this statement to all members. The wording is as prescribed by the Act.

“A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union may take steps with the view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.

The member may raise any such concerns with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with: the officials of the union, the trustees of the property of the union, the auditor or auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice.”