



## CITY & GUILDS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

### Minutes

Meeting held in the Queen's Tower Rooms, Sherfield Building and on ZOOM,  
starting at 11:30, on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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The meeting did not reach a quorum. These minutes were approved after being circulated to the membership and no objections or corrections being raised.

#### Professor Atula Abeysekera opened the meeting as Professor Anil Bharath was outside the UK on College business.

- 1 **Minutes of AGM held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
The minutes were approved.
- 2 **President's Review**  
Based on input from Anil, Atula presented a review of the last year. He recognised that Imperial College had achieved second place in the world ranking of universities. He also recalled that Imperial had won University Challenge for a record 5<sup>th</sup> time. On behalf of Anil, Atula thanked:  
Nigel Cresswell for continuing Hon Sec duties in a difficult year – "the Unflappable Hon Sec";  
Colin Kerr for organising the very successful Annual Dinner;  
Peter Chase for his stewardship of the OC Trust and Reunion Lunch;  
Peter and Alison Buck for producing Imperial ENGINEER;  
Atula for his input as Immediate Past President;  
Kelvin for taking over the reins;  
and all the Committee for their effort in the last year.
- 3 **2023 Accounts and Balance Sheet**  
Allan Lee joined the meeting using ZOOM. Allan explained there had been difficulties with the Accountants in preparing the accounts in time for the AGM. They were working to the Companies House schedule. The accounts he showed on screen were still unofficial. A payment from College of £10K was not reflected in these accounts but will be in the 2024 accounts. The Association ran at a £13K loss in 2023. The Annual Dinner recorded a £1.4K loss (£3.8K in 2023). Reserves/investments stood at £180K. Allan will work with Accountants to fix timing for 2025 AGM.
- 4 **Selection of Accountants**  
Haynes-Watts were approved to continue to be the Associations accountants.
- 5 **Handover of Presidency to Professor Kelvin Higgins.**  
Atula officially recorded a vote of thanks to Anil and thanked him for his dedication to the role. He then welcomed Kelvin as President for 2024/26. Kelvin is an expert in geotechnical engineering and applying advanced numerical analysis to engineering projects. He is a visiting Professor at Imperial. Informally, Atula commented that Kelvin likes fishing, beer and cars! The medal of office will be handed over when Anil is back in the UK.

#### Kelvin took over the Chair of the meeting.

#### 6 Election of Officers

6a Nigel Cresswell was proposed and elected as Honorary Secretary  
Allan Lee was proposed and elected as Honorary Treasurer.

6b The following nominations were approved for posts in 2024 – 25:

**Membership Secretary:** Hayley Wong  
**Dep Hon Treas:** James Prince  
**Younger Members Secretary:** Tim Munday  
**Annual Dinner Event Manager:** Colin Kerr (Colin wishes to step down before 2025 Dinner)  
**Decade Reunion Event Manager:** Peter Chase  
**Managing Editor IE:** Peter Buck  
**Representative on IC Exploration Board:** Colonel Kevin Oliver  
**Departmental Representatives:**  
**Aero Engineering:** Hayley Wong  
**Bioengineering:** Milia Hasbani  
**Chemical Engineering:** Fatima Khan  
**Civil & Environmental Engineering:** Colin Kerr and Tim Munday  
**Computing:** James Prince  
**Design Engineering:** vacancy  
**Electrical & Electronic Engineering:** vacancy  
**Mechanical Engineering:** Owen Heaney.  
(Note: Co-options to the Committee will be approved later)

#### 7 Any Other Business

The CGCA Strategy Study was referenced. The circulated consultation form did not allow for Honorary Members to provide input. It was agreed to ask Milia/Hayley to contact the member.  
The website is somewhat neglected and carries out of date information. Efforts should be made in the next year to refresh it.  
The Association needs to redouble efforts to recruit more undergrad members.

The meeting was closed at 12:16

**Nigel Cresswell, Hon Sec CGCA June 2024**