

**Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting of the
Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers held
at Central Hall Westminster, London
Saturday 22nd October 2022, 3.30pm**

<p>1.</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductions: Ashley Ellis/ Errol welcomed all delegates and encouraged questions to be posed at the end. Attendees were reminded not to vote if attending online.</p> <p>The ACAT Board Directors that were in attendance were introduced to members.</p> <p>Present: approximately 60 members, directors, staff, sponsors and guests in attendance.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence. Ursula Fuller, Catherine Beech, Victoria Talbot, Andrew Silley.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2021 The minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 16th October 2021 were approved as a true record. (show of hands)</p> <p>There were no matters arising or any questions arising from the minutes from last year.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Chairman's Address: The key points of the address included an acknowledgment of the need for ACAT and that the sharing and developing of our 'story' is important. Reference was made to the presentations that highlighted the importance of sharing the story whether focussing on encouraging giving or when applying for grant funding. Telling stories being an example that Jesus himself gave us.</p> <p>Grateful thanks were given for those who have built ACAT up from the foundation set by the original directors and members to our new directors who are now building on that foundation and subsequent development.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to let us know what they need and would like to see ACAT offering. We would like to hear from members.</p> <p>Particular thanks were also expressed for the work and dedication of Cyril Wood who has decided to retire as a Director after 26 years. Cyril has been involved in ACAT since the beginning and has seen it evolve over this time and has remained fully committed to its purpose and ethos. Our grateful thanks for all that Cyril has given as a Director.</p> <p>Thank were also given to Trevor James who has indicated that he will be retiring next year.</p> <p>The needs of ACAT's members are at the heart of everything we do, and we remain committed to developing our training both in person and continuing online. Focus remains on treasurers as trustees and financial managers, and we are consistently looking to make our engagement with members as effective as possible.</p>

5.	<p>To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022</p> <p>Attendees and all members were encouraged to read the annual report which is available on the ACAT website., hard copies were available at the Conference. Those in attendance accepted the Annual report and accounts.</p>
6.	<p>Approval of the appointment of Directors of ACAT Trustee Company.</p> <p>Livia Velicu was introduced as a new Director and Greyham Dawes was introduced as a returning Director. Confirmation of their appointment to the Board was sought. Livia Velicu and Greyham Dawes were unanimously approved as Directors to the ACAT Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed for the time and commitment that these and all the Directors have contributed and continue to give.</p> <p>Additionally, the ACAT staff were thanked for all that they give. Ashley's leadership of the team and ACAT's development was highlighted and particular mention was given of Cath Fox as training administrator, especially for all she has done to organise the Conference. Team members Robin Jones, Aaron Fenton-Blake, Nick Fox, Joy Spencer and Peter Young were thanked.</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business which has been notified at least 5 days prior to the day</p> <p>No further items for inclusion had been offered.</p>
	<p>Questions were invited regarding ACAT and the way forward:</p> <p>A question was asked regarding the membership fee increase to £22 per year. In response, members were reminded of what the membership fee enables ACAT to provide and there was general agreement that the membership fee was good value for money.</p> <p>A question regarding block membership was asked and clarification of the types of membership was provided.</p> <p>No further questions were forthcoming.</p>
	<p><i>The Chair thanked everyone for attending the AGM which then closed.</i></p> <p><i>Following the end of the AGM, the Chair thanked the sponsors, speakers, Central Hall Westminster staff and members for attending the Conference and the AGM. He hoped that they had taken something away with them.</i></p> <p><i>Cyril Wood then closed the Conference with prayer</i></p>

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