

**Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of the
Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers held
at Priory Rooms, Birmingham
Saturday 14th October 2023, 3.30pm**

1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions: Errol Vassell, Chair of ACAT Board of Trustees, welcomed all delegates and encouraged questions to be posed at the end. The meeting was opened in prayer by David Butler. Attendees were reminded not to vote if attending online.</p> <p>Thanks for attendance at the Conference were expressed together with brief reflections on the content covered and conversations held.</p> <p>Present: approximately 60 members, directors, staff, sponsors and guests in attendance.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence. Keith Powell, Eddie Tulasiewicz, Ann Tempest and members from around the country.</p>
3.	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2022 The minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 22nd October 2022 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>
4.	<p>Chairman's Address:</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> <p>Grateful thanks was expressed to all who support and encourage the work of ACAT. Errol acknowledged that God is doing a good things and gifts given are varied. All were encouraged to do everything with excellence.</p> <p>The request to members to let us know what they need and would like to see ACAT offering was reiterated. We would like to hear from members.</p>
5.	<p>To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 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.</p> <p>Ashley outlined the key elements of the accounts and highlighted the recent developments and what this potentially meant for the future with the development of training resources and opportunities, the ACAT team, communications etc.</p> <p>Those in attendance accepted the Annual report and accounts.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>Approval of the appointment of Directors of ACAT Trustee Company.</p> <p>Information relating to the election of 3 new Directors had previously been made available on the ACAT website and in hard copy at the Conference. Mark Heaton Manny Kemp Nigel Davies</p> <p>Confirmation of their appointment to the Board was sought and approved with a show of hands.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed for the time and commitment that these and all the Directors have contributed and continue to give.</p> <p>Particular thanks was given to Trevor James as he steps down from the Board of Trustees. As a long-standing member of the Board, huge thanks for his commitment, wisdom and graciousness were sincerely expressed.</p> <p>Additionally, the ACAT staff were thanked for all that they give. Ashley's leadership of the team, individually named: Cath Fox, Robin Jones, Nick Fox, Joy Spencer, Peter Young and Robert Scott-Biggs were thanked.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business which has been notified at least 5 days prior to the day No further items for inclusion had been offered.</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, Priory Rooms staff and members for attending the Conference and the AGM. He hoped that they had taken something away with them.</i></p> <p><i>Errol then closed the Conference with prayer</i></p>

Signed _____

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