



**Christian Association of Business Executives**

## **MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at St Ethelburga's Centre, Bishopsgate, London, on 26 May 2010.

30 people were present.

John Ripley, CABE Chairman, welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting and opened with a reading from Psalm 15 and a prayer.

### **1. Presentations about CABE**

CABE Trustees and Director presented on different aspects of CABE and its development initiatives:

- Membership Survey - John Ripley
- Why join CABE – Paul Valler
- Events – Jackie Nelson
- Mentoring – Liz Paxton
- Media and Publicity – Christina Rees
- CABE Principles – Richard Higginson

John Ripley concluded with an analogy of CABE being like a 'professional body' and highlighted areas where we might be able to learn from their organisation.

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 May 2009 were approved.

### **3. Apologies**

Received from CABE trustees Eve Poole, Peter Shaw and Ralph Hollinghurst.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

Much had been covered by the trustee presentations earlier. John Ripley drew attention to the increase in membership numbers from 183 at the end of 2008 to 224 at the end of 2009. He also talked about the trustees' emerging vision and the need to widen the base of trustees to fill gaps and complement the talents of the current trustees. His personal emphases are for CABE to be relevant in the job; to support church leaders relate to and support those in leadership roles in the economy and to provide support to those who need it most but have the least amount of time. Integrity and integration, keys themes which came out of Psalm 15 are what we want to be known for – as an organisation and as members of CABE.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Liz Paxton highlighted key points from the 2009 annual report and accounts including the fact that CABE had recovered tax rebates on gift aided donations and subscriptions from 2006-2008 which had contributed to the increase in funds at the end of the year. The year end bank balance was £17,000. There has been a steady increase in income

from subscriptions, some regular grants as well as donations from events. We have appointed a new independent examiner David Dixon who has reviewed and approved the accounts. The meeting approved the accounts and appointed David Dixon to do be our independent examiner of account.

## **6. Election of Officers**

Bernard Keigher resigned as Chair of CAFE at the end of October 2009. The trustees had appointed John Ripley and the members attending this meeting unanimously ratified his appointment.

Liz Paxton has agreed to continue as Treasurer for the time being but we are looking for a new Treasurer to be appointed during 2010. Liz's continuing appointment was approved. The members were encouraged to pass on names of potential trustees and treasurer to the Chairman.

## **7. Election of Trustees**

John McLean Fox is not standing for re-election. The Chairman and the members thanked John for his commitment and service to CAFE over the past years.

Richard Higginson, Ralph Hollinghurst, Eve Poole and Peter Shaw all put their names forward for re-election. This was approved by the meeting.

## **8. Membership Contribution**

It was proposed to increase the membership contribution to £40 from 1.1.2011. The subscription has been £30 for many years. In future this contribution will be reviewed on a more regular basis. The ability to pay this will not be a barrier to membership and we currently have a number of non-paying/honorary members. The increase was approved by the meeting.

## **9. Incorporation**

It was proposed that CAFE become incorporated – a company limited by guarantee, governed by articles of association. It is proposed to wind up “old CAFE” later this year and transfer its assets to “new CAFE”. An enabling resolution was proposed:

- That CAFE (registered charity number 256182) be wound up and dissolved;
- That after payment of all liabilities, the surplus assets be transferred to a new incorporated charity to be formed having objects similar to or including objects similar to those of CAFE.

This was approved by the meeting with no objections. An experienced legal team, using a standard template incorporating CAFE's objects and a basis of faith and clearly demonstrating public benefit, has drawn up the articles of association. All members will need to re-sign up as members of the new organisation.

No other business items had been raised in advance so the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

The meeting was followed by an opportunity to talk to the trustees further about the development initiatives and what support they might be able to offer.

Jackie Nelson - CAFE Director