



**REPORT OF THE 2014 HIGH COURT HELD AT THE RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, TORQUAY, FROM SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2014 TO MONDAY 9 JUNE 2014**

**High Chief Ranger Janet Clements  
Chairman Mike Wilkinson**

A total of 334 Delegates representing 179 Courts assembled for the 175<sup>th</sup> High Court in the Society's 180<sup>th</sup> year, to consider and vote on the elections and Propositions as listed on the AGM agenda in accordance with the Society's Rules.

The following is a summary of election results, resolutions passed and presentations:

**Elections**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
Paul Osborn	Executive Director (Chief Executive)	3 years	93.67%
Patrick Phelps	Executive Director (Finance Director)	3 years	92.17%
Kathryn Vagneur	Non-Executive Professional Director	3 years	91.27%
David Watkins	High Chief Ranger	1 year	Majority by show of hands
Linda Levett	High Sub-Chief Ranger	1 year	Majority by show of hands
Michael Nightingale	Membership Committee	3 years	Majority by show of hands

**Special Resolution**

Delegates voted on a Special Resolution for the Society to acquire the Post Office Insurance Society (POIS) business from Family Assurance Friendly Society Limited by a majority of 95.94% in favour of the acquisition.

**Resolutions**

The Board submitted Propositions that The Annual Report and Accounts for 2013 be received and that BDO LLP be appointed as Auditors for the 2014 year end. Both Propositions were passed by the Delegates.

There were ninety six Propositions relating to consequential amendments following an exercise undertaken to reorder the Society's Rules, ninety five were carried and one withdrawn.

An additional six Propositions were submitted by the Board as follows:

- 1 That in 2014 the Board be authorised to pay £3,000 to the Yorkshire Foresters Convalescent Home.
- 2 That in 2014 the Board be authorised to pay £3,000 to the Foresters Homes, Bexleyheath.
- 3 That in 2014 the Board be authorised to pay £3,000 to the Portsmouth and District Friendly Societies Homes, Portsmouth.
- 4 That the Board be authorised to make a call upon each Court for payment of a levy of 7p per each £100 of the total funds shown on the last annual return received at Head Office for the Convalescent Home Benefit Fund. Such levy to be remitted to Head Office or deducted from the Courts Investment Fund Account by no later than 1 April 2015.
- 5 That the Board be authorised to make a call upon each Court for an annual payment of a levy of 5p per each £100 of their gross assets as shown on their annual accounts at the end of the previous year to help pay for the running costs associated with the Foresters Heritage Trust.
- 6 That for the year 2014 each Court shall be required to pay a Management Charge equal to 2.25% of its total assets as shown in its Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013. The charge to be deducted from Courts Investment Fund Accounts on 1 December 2014.

Resolutions were passed in favour of all six Propositions.

Nine Propositions were submitted by Courts and subsequently withdrawn at High Court.

All Propositions were detailed in the Programme of Business.

### **Presentations**

Presentations were made on the Society's strategy, Marketing (including the Introducer Scheme and Facebook), Court Review Project, Delegate Voting System and Committee reports.

### **Charity Donation**

Barnardos was the chosen charity of the High Chief Ranger from June 2013 until June 2014. During this time, Society members raised a total of £86,020 and a cheque for this amount was presented to Barnardos at the close of High Court.