

**REPORT OF THE 2016 HIGH COURT HELD AT  
 THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, TELFORD,  
 FROM SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2016 TO MONDAY 13 JUNE 2016**

**High Chief Ranger Linda Levett  
 Chairman Mike Wilkinson**

A total of 302 Delegates representing 167 Courts assembled for the 177<sup>th</sup> High Court in the Society's 182<sup>nd</sup> year, to consider and vote on the elections and Propositions as listed on the AGM agenda in accordance with Society's Rules.

A summary of election results, resolutions passed and presentations is given below:

**Election Results**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
<i>Myles Edwards</i>	Executive Director	3 years	95.3%
<i>Trevor Batten</i>	Non-Executive Professional Director	1 year*	90.6%
<i>Erik Vynckier</i>	Non-Executive Professional Director	1 year*	89.9%
<i>John Instance</i>	Non-Executive Professional Director	3 years	91.6%
<i>Kathryn Vagneur</i>	Non-Executive Professional Director	1 year**	91.6%
<i>John Garrett***</i>	Non-Executive Member Director	3 years	55.8%
<i>Helen Mackinnon***</i>	Non-Executive Member Director	3 years	55.8%
<i>Kevin Glyndwr Carpenter</i>	High Chief Ranger	1 year	Majority by show of hands
<i>Cheryl Eagleson</i>	High Sub-Chief Ranger	1 year	89.6%
<i>Dorothy Deacon</i>	Membership Committee	3 years	53.1%

\*Given the number of Directors standing for election and the consequential impact on future rotation of the Board both Trevor Batten and Erik Vynckier, who were co-opted to the Board earlier in the year, were appointed to serve for an initial one year term and will be subject to re-election in 2017.

\*\*In accordance with the Friendly Societies Act 1992, Schedule II, Part 1, Kathryn's term of office as a Non-Executive Director is reduced from the usual term of 3 years to 1 year as she had attained the normal retirement age at the time of her election. Additionally, having already served the Society for eight years, Kathryn shall cease to hold office at the conclusion of the 2017 High Court in accordance with Society Rule 14.1(i).

\*\*\*There were four candidates for two positions and in accordance with Society Rules 13.5 and 23.3, the vacancies were filled by those candidates obtaining the most votes providing they exceeded 50% of the Votes Obtainable.

## Resolutions

The following Propositions and Rule Change were submitted by the Board:

1. That the Annual Report and Accounts 2015 be received and noted.
2. That Deloitte LLP be re-appointed as Auditors for the 2016 year end and that their remuneration be set by the Board.
3. That in 2016 the Board be authorised to pay £3,100 to the Yorkshire Foresters Convalescent Home.
4. That in 2016 the Board be authorised to pay £3,100 to the Foresters Homes, Bexleyheath.
5. That in 2016 the Board be authorised to pay £3,100 to the Portsmouth and District Friendly Societies Homes.
6. That the Board be authorised to make a call upon each Court for payment of a levy of 10p 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 no later than 1 April 2017.
7. 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.
8. That in the year 2016 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 2015. The charge to be deducted from Courts' Investment Fund on 1 December 2016.
9. After Rule 8.10, insert new Rule:

**Rule 8.10A** Any Court may, by a resolution passed as a Special Resolution, apply to the Board to be administered under the provisions of Rule 8.10A (i) and (ii).

(i) The Board may, if the members of a Court are unable to elect a Committee of Management and/or Trustees for the Court, appoint such interim Officers and Trustees to administer the Court as it sees fit (who shall receive such remuneration from the funds of the Court to which they are appointed as the Board thinks reasonable) provided such Officers and Trustees (such Trustees not to be less than three in number) are members of the Society. Such appointments to last no longer than eighteen months from the date of appointment and if at the end of the eighteen months the Court can be continued, the members of the Court shall elect their own Officers and Trustees.

(ii) If at the end of the eighteen months referred to in Rule 8.10(A)(i) the Board is of the opinion that the Court cannot be continued, the Board shall cause to be sent to every member of the Court a letter setting out the options available for a transfer to a local Court and the members of the Court shall be transferred to such Court or Courts as they shall desire or if such members express no preference to such Court or Courts, the funds and property of the Court shall be transferred in ratio to the members transferring as the Board shall see fit.

Resolutions were passed in favour of all nine Propositions.

## **Presentations**

Presentations were made on the Society's Strategy, the Membership, Courts and Marketing Strategy, Governance, Committee Reports, updates on Court Funding and Assets, the re-launch of the Society's Miscellany Magazine and the Credit Union facility.

## **Charity Donation**

Alzheimer's Research UK was the chosen charity of the High Chief Ranger from June 2015 to June 2016. During this time, members raised a total of **£80,000** and a cheque for this amount was presented to Vicky Naylor on behalf of Alzheimer's Research UK at the close of High Court.