

The Spiritualists' National Union

Minutes 123rd AGM



**MINUTES OF THE ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD SNU ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING held on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September 2025 at the Village Hotel,
Chester St. Davids and via Zoom.**

DAY ONE OF THE AGM

1. Welcome and Invocation

The President, Minister Jackie Wright, welcomed members to the Union's 123rd Annual General Meeting and invited all to join her in a prayer. The President introduced the members of the National Executive Committee.

2. Appointment of Chair

The President announced that the National Executive Committee had once again invited John Blackwood, OSNU, to Chair the Annual General Meeting. Mr Blackwood then took the Chair.

3. Chair's Announcements

The Chair made several announcements regarding the AGM documentation and procedures. Delegates were advised that an audio recording of the meeting was being taken for minute purposes only. Instructions for voting were given.

The Chair advised the membership that he was aware that insufficient notice had been provided to members regarding the motions scheduled for discussion at this AGM. It was deemed inappropriate to consider these motions at this AGM. The proposers had been contacted and advised accordingly and will therefore be placed on the agenda for the next AGM.

Graham Hewett (individual member) - advised that he had received a phone call 10 days before the AGM from an individual regarding Company's Law and administration to advise that the NEC and SNU had been put on notice due to conduct in breach of the Charities Act and section 171-175 of the Companies Act. Following legal advice and discussions with the Charity Commissioner, an investigation is underway into a potential conflict of interest, as the President of the Union is also the Chair of Arthur Findlay College. A document of their decision has been sent to Head Office to advise that they are in breach of the memorandum and articles. The position of the individual concerned should be joined as an independent third party.

The second incident also involved a conflict of interest between the President and the NEC, with an assault allegation that was settled by an industrial tribunal. And questioned the President's conduct. He highlighted that these incidents are pursuant to the Trustee Act. The request arising from these incidents was to remove the President's membership.

The Chair invited the President to respond.

President Jackie Wright responded in the first case that the accusation was proven incorrect with CCTV evidence; however, a payment was made to the complainant through a mediation agreement, which can be confirmed by Lesley Gilby. The second allegation is untrue; she confirmed she had no knowledge of it and will be seeking legal action regarding this statement.

Annette Barnes (individual member) - raised her suspicions based on previous conferences where ministers made libellous allegations about the President, and felt these instances were a continuation of the same.

Craig Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest in the meeting as he is related to a member of staff in the Union.

The President led the membership into the chosen hymn.

4. Appointment of AGM Officials

The following accepted the appointment of AGM officials for this meeting:

Collection of ballot papers:	Susan Quinn, Philip Robinson, Jackie Ellis
Scrutineers:	Rowena Hardwick; Richard Smith; Brian Gledhill
Messenger:	Joan Dempsey
Administration:	Lyndsay Penny
Technical Advisor:	Kyle Pedley
Online voting:	Mi Voice

5. Apologies for Absence

Chief Operating Officer (COO), Michelle Dale read out the apologies received in advance:

David Bruton; Rachel Casson; Jean Smart (Apologies submitted; joined online on 27 September 2025.).

6. President's Address

The President delivered her address to the membership.

Derek Plummer (individual member) - asked if there have been any incentives or discounts implemented to encourage membership? *Yes, discounted sign-ups at Arthur Findlay College.*

Angela Foster DSNU (individual member) - commended the move from co-option to volunteering and asked what the current situation is regarding the fact-finding mission from the distributed questionnaires. *This is ongoing, and a list is imminent.*

Tom thanked the President for her inspiring speech and feels that the number of churches lost is 32, not 27. *This will be double-checked.*

Trevor Rushforth - asked if the company's governing documents were issued to new members. Also asked where the money was sourced when making financial investments. *All monies earned by the President at Arthur Findlay College go straight into the President's fund, which is made available for churches. This is currently c£17k.*

Helena Breen - asked why she has been silenced by the committee and all on different levels of the district. *This will need to be discussed with her district, as this action has not been taken by the President or any member of the committee.*

Kevin Armstrong (individual member & West Midlands District) - asked when counting membership, are the paid and unpaid members counted? If a membership fee has not been paid, then the status is lost. Also, with the closure of churches since 2018, have open days been encouraged for individuals to join? As associated membership are dropping, are there plans to push forward and encourage churches to engage with people? *Yes, both paid and unpaid are counted as time is given for members to renew their membership. Work will be done with churches to encourage them to meet people, and training will be given.*

Coral Ryder (independent member) - encouraged people to acknowledge the good done within the Union and to congratulate the NEC on all the good work.

Adam Berry (independent member) - questioned the half price membership at Arthur Findlay College Open Week, and the members who signed up there were aware they were changing their religion to spiritualism. Secondly, previous reports show the membership as individual members, but the recent report refers to members as a collection of all the members. *All members signing up from the college were given all the information and were aware they were changing their religion and becoming a member of the Union. Secondly, SNUI is not included as they have their own membership.*

Elaine Goodman (individual member) - asked about the difference in membership status and how it is easier to become an individual member rather than a church member. *This will be looked at in the next council meeting.*

Susan James (individual member, SNU Australia) - asked what further help the SNU can provide to further assist in training for overseas members. *The overseas Ambassador-Cathy-Tsoukalas has been asked to investigate this issue.*

Stephen Critchley (individual member & church rep for Longton Church) - applauded the philosophy in the pamphlets of the Union but reminded all that it can be complex when becoming a spiritualist.

Leanne Dudley (individual member, Australia) - asked how spiritualism can be brought to the younger generation, as she feels something needs to be done to pass spiritualism on to generations.

Pat Seymour (healer member) asked if a list can be given of members in the United Spiritualists to see if they are compatible with our religion. *This has been requested in the past and will continue to be asked going forward.*

Tony Challis (Totten Spiritual Church, Southampton) was saddened to hear the derogatory remarks about the President and stated that she has his full support.

Sue Presley (individual member, President of Derby Charnwood) - echoed Tony's remarks. She asked for clarification regarding the confusion between becoming a church member and an SNU member. *This is up to the churches to decide and communicate through the reps to bring to the council.*

Amy Brown (individual member) - Are back copies of SNU today digitally archived and accessible online? *Yes.*

Adam Berry - asked for clarification on the membership numbers. *Members figures include all membership except for, SNUI is not included as they have their own membership*

Alan Rawnsley- asked for clarification on the removal of the words 'freedom of interpretation', which was at the request of the government and the Charity Commission. *The wording "freedom of interpretation" was removed at the request of both the Government and the Charity Commission. Their position was that this phrase created ambiguity in relation to the organisation's charitable purpose and could be interpreted in ways that were inconsistent with the regulatory framework for registered charities.*

To ensure compliance with charity law and to provide clarity around our stated beliefs and purposes, the wording was amended in line with the guidance provided.

7. Declaration of Elections

8. Declaration of Appointments

9. Declaration of Members of the Council

Financial Director	Mr James Underwood (receiving majority nominations)
Vice President	Mr Les Henderson
IM Representative	Mr John Fitzgerald
Southern DC	Vacant
Mereside & North Wales	Jackie Ellis
West Midlands DC	Lorraine Todd
Scottish & Irish DC	Caroline Spink
East London DC	Samantha Underwood
West London DC	Francis Nolan
Manchester DC	Nicola Banks
Southwestern DC	Mr Bob Jeffries
South Wales DC	Sandra Gerald
North Yorkshire DC	Helen Smith
Lyceum Rep to Council	Suzanne Caldwell
SNUI Rep to Council	Marilyn Marsh
South Yorkshire DC	Mr John Buns
Northern DC	Carol Haney
East Midlands DC	Sue Salisbury
North Lancs DC	Vacant

Minister Simon James (individual member & representative for the Open Door) addressed the membership with thanks to all those who supported and voted for him. Due to the error in procedure, he raised the question of whether the byelaws and systems are outdated and are hindering progress. He also encouraged members to help take the movement forward.

10. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Chair confirmed the total voting strength as 453.

The members were asked to raise any questions or queries on the minutes from the previous AGM regarding corrections or omissions.

Trevor Rushforth (Minister) - page 7, item 12.7 'the Chair proposes the following motion' the motion cannot propose a motion under byelaws 8.29.2. *The motion was proposed by James Underwood, and this will be corrected.*

Coral Rider (individual member) - page 13, point 11, the last paragraph is potentially putting a modern version of the principles next to the original principles, so people understand in modern terms. *That is recorded and can be added in.*

Hazel Middleton (page 16) requested a single pin badge. *That was noted and remembered and will be corrected in the minutes.*

Susan Coldwell (individual member) - page 17 under AOB asked for her name to be corrected.

The minutes for the 2024 AGM were proposed by Tim Coombe and seconded by Samantha Underwood.

The minutes were agreed and adopted with a majority vote.

11. Matters arising

Laura Chalmers (individual member West Midlands District) - page 16 suggested that the NEC review options for increasing international engagement by establishing an international exchange programme between the UK and overseas churches. The President endorsed the suggestion and advised that the Overseas Director would be engaged once appointed.

The President responded that this has not been done as it was deemed as overkill for the NEC. There is an overseas Ambassador who reports to the NEC.

There were no further items raised, which concluded the business on the minutes of the previous AGM.

12. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

The Chair invited questions on the reports: membership, President, Vice President, Vice President 2, and Financial Director.

Alan Rawnsley requested the site of the new policies that are referred to in the President's report. *The President responded that they will be on the new website when the Head Office has migrated all the information from the current website to the new one. If anyone wishes for them to be sent manually, please request these from Head Office.*

Pat Seymour (individual member) - page 23, SNU year of healing refers to Southwestern DC, which hosted the healing showcase, but it was Newton Abbot Church. *This will be corrected.*

Pat Seymour (individual member) - on the report from Colin Lomax, she thanked Colin for attending the DC AGM and advised a new safeguarding policy would be drawn up and asked if this would be sent out. Also, if training can be provided to the designated safeguarding officers. *Yes, this will be circulated to all churches and those involved in safeguarding. Training is being investigated so that it can be tailored to the religion and churches.*

James Underwood, Financial Director, gave a short presentation.

He advised of a minor amendment to the accounts on page 96: a sum of £1,184 reported as paid to Adam Berry during his time as trustee of the Union. This was included as an error, as the fees were paid after his resignation in May 2024 and will be struck from the record.

Overall, the charity reported a deficit of £256,468 before gains on investments of £379,203, resulting in a surplus of £122,735.

The presentation included narratives on the income streams and liabilities, which included an adjustment in the 2022 accounts relating to the loyalty scheme at the Arthur Findlay College. The narrative also included the drop in donations, the sale of churches, and the uplift in membership subscriptions, all resulting from a change in accounting practises in 2023.

The narrative continued, noting that all charitable expenses increased by £1m, including affiliation costs, educational programme costs, maintenance at the Arthur Findlay College and Barbanell centre, and a rise in tutor payments and staff costs.

Following repeated requests to professionalise the charity and restructure, it was agreed that a Chief Operating Officer (COO) would be appointed to drive the charity's strategic vision and line-manage key members of staff. This is to ensure efficiency and professionalism across all areas of the organisation, thereby providing better service to a growing membership. This led to Michelle Dale's appointment in April 2025.

With this appointment, an 8% increase in wage costs is anticipated. Going forward, each new vacancy will be reviewed and only recruited into if it is considered vital to the organisation.

The presentation also included the narrative on legal fees and insurance, which underwent a full review with Hayes Parsons in November 2024 and will be ongoing until the end of 2025.

The Barbanell Centre closed because the running costs were unsustainable. An offer to buy the building has been accepted, and the legal process is currently underway.

The presentation concluded with figures on grants and loans awarded to churches in need.

Questions were invited from the membership regarding the presentation, the accounts presented, and the report.

The Financial Director confirmed that questions had been raised by Elaine Goodman, were in hand, and would be resolved.

Trevor Rushforth (Minister) - asked for clarification if the accounts being presented were for 2025 or those submitted to the Charity Commission dated 2024. *They were the latter.* Trevor also asked for clarification on incremental expenditure for certain churches. *It was established that the figures being questioned were obtained from the Charity Commission website, which differ from the report presented at the AGM, and the Committee will explain offline.*

Elaine Goodman (individual member) - questioned the £162k transferred from the age suspense account to the Union's general funds, and when queried in the past, was advised that the Union take 3% historically and asked for clarification. *This has been in place for over 19 years, and a decision by the NEC has been made as a management fee to support churches to offset some of the costs to do this.*

Tom Haver (Minister, Doncaster) - applauded the President for paying back monies earned at the College to the President's Fund.

Adam Berry (individual member) - queried on the suspense investment account and the amount spent on church grants; the figures quoted leave a discrepancy of £82,672. *Matters not covered in the Finance Director address, or published accounts or request for more clarity to be sent to Head Office.*

The Chair requested that the accounts presented be adopted.

Proposed by John Bunce President of South Yorkshire

Seconded by Helen Lomax

The accounts were adopted with a unanimous vote.

Catherine Grundy (Minister) - commended the Healing Committee on their report but raised concerns about the healers and the length of time it is taking for them to be accredited, which appears to be at the Head Office level. Also, the healing membership is taking longer and asked for this to be investigated.

Kevin Armstrong (individual member) - queried that an error on the CSNU final assessment board should read from October 2024 to August 2025.

Caroline Spink (individual member) - asked for an addendum to the Education and Exponents Committee report following the Chair of the committee leaving and James Underwood stepping in, but not all the information was passed over. *The information given was noted for inclusion.*

Angela Foster (individual member) - asked about the measures being taken to prevent people from failing to complete their courses. *Sarah Deverell responded from the committee advising that the people in question were contacted and encouraged to continue with the course in question, and again, 3 months later, so a measure is in place.*

The membership was advised that a decision had been made to split the committee into an Education Committee and a separate Training Awards Committee, rather than Education and Exponents Committee.

David Brown (individual member) observed the figures on page 40 related to the Facebook audience and asked for observations on the audience demographics. *Facebook attracts older audiences, while younger audiences use alternative platforms.*

Coral Ryder (individual member) - supported this, noting that the younger audience uses Instagram and TikTok, and that a presence is needed on these platforms to attract and engage them.

Trish Elliott (retired from Healing Committee & member liaison) - correction on page 40 to CSNUH.

There were no questions on the Council Directors' report.

There were no questions on the Ordinary Director 2 report.

David Brown (individual member) - raised a question on the Ordinary Director 3 report that was in connection with World AIDS Day in December, asking if the SNU have plans to recognise the day with an event. *Not currently, but happy to take that forward.*

Hazel Middleton (individual member) - asked whether there were any plans involving dyslexia and supporting members with this issue and others. *This has been raised before, and there are plans to address this more formally in terms of learning and development.*

Sarah Deverell (individual member) - advised that there is support in place on training paths for those with dyslexia and is also open to supporting people with other neurodiverse conditions.

Catrina Bond (CSNU South Yorkshire) - suggested, as someone with severe dyslexia, feels it would be very helpful to have listening education as well as visual.

Peter, as a dyslexic, attended an online course with the SNU 3 years ago that changed his life and enabled him to become an accredited healer and he would like to see the workshops come back.

Kevin Armstrong (individual member) - feels that no one should be ashamed of being dyslexic or having learning disabilities, and if the approach towards them changed, it would help.

Annette Barnes (individual member) - a dyslexic member, was offered the chance to take his course on video and wondered if a CD could be made to help those with learning disabilities and used in review days. *There was a response to advise that these were used in the past and are now discontinued, as it was decided that they were not needed; however, they agreed it would be a good idea to reintroduce them.*

Hazel Middleton - responded that the opportunities for one-to-one training and face-to-face training have been addressed, along with the recording of work done. She advised that the help Peter received for his reading was with a coloured overlay and commended the support that is given, agreed that the CD's would be a welcome return, but needs to encourage people to get into the training.

There were no questions raised on the Fund of Benevolence Report.

13. Appointment and Remuneration of Professional Auditors

Chair asked the membership to approve and reappoint the Union's auditors for the coming year as Price Bailey Chartered Accountants, and that the remuneration be fixed by the NEC.

Proposed by James Underwood and seconded by Angela Wlyde.

This was agreed and approved with a majority vote.

14. Notices of Motions

The motions will be carried over to the next AGM in 2026 as stated at the beginning of the meeting.

15. Date and venue of the 2026 Annual General Meeting

It has been proposed and agreed that the 2026 AGM be held on 26th and 27th September, hosted by Stourbridge Church in the West Midlands.

Lynn Edwards, president of Stourbridge Spiritualist Church, addressed the membership advising that the venue has been booked at the Bromsgrove Hotel and Spa.

It was proposed that the 2027 AGM be held on 25th and 26th September, and that council and/or churches be invited to volunteer to host.

There were four offers to host the 2027 AGM:

Tim Coombe from Southwestern DC

Caroline Quinn from the Scottish & Irish DC

Des Beaumont from North Yorkshire DC

Ray Grimes from Southern DC (Ray Grimes is from Northern DC please check)

A vote was taken on each venue, and a further vote was taken between Scotland and Southwestern, with a small margin, the Scottish & Irish DC was voted in as hosts for the 2027 AGM. The aim will be for Southwestern DC to host the 2028 AGM, and for North Yorkshire to host the 2029 AGM.

16. General Business

There was a short presentation of activities undertaken by the healers in the last year.

A poll was held for a new logo, which had been undertaken whilst the new website was being built. The idea behind it was to modernise the organisation. The choice was to vote in favour of keeping the existing logo, or to change to a modernised version.

It was confirmed that it would be a phased change if the new logo were voted in.

Cleveleys Church, Cumbria - expressed concerns about the cost of updating existing pictures and emblems outside of churches. *In response, no one would be asked to change any paintings, and the alternative can be to vote against the change.*

Others raised concerns about the cost of changing the logo in areas of their churches and were advised that they could vote against the change, however the Union would consider helping financially if the logo was voted in.

Angela Wylde (individual member) asked if the President's fund can be used to help with upgrade costs. *It was reiterated that any change would start with the website and office stationery.*

Susan Coldwell (individual member) asked about the rationale for changing the logo. *This was suggested by the company creating the new website, as a new and fresher look was requested to make it more modern, and it was decided that the membership could choose.*

Vicky Hyde (individual member) commented that the new logo suggested clarity and would appeal to dyslexics.

Helen Smith (North Yorkshire DC) - noticed that the existing logo is a registered trademark, and a new one would have to be re-registered after confirming it is not being used by anyone else. *This will be addressed in due course.*

Derek Plummer (individual member) - asked for the new suggested logo to be put on the screen for the online voters.

Stephen Critchley (individual member & church rep Longton) raised points on the words 'religion' and 'communication', and these can affect people joining the movement if not used in the right context.

David Brown (individual member) asked how much time the churches and district councils have had the vote on the new logo. *The website has only been completed in the last 48 hours, and this is purely for a consensus from members.*

Poll results on the new logo: Yes = 29% No = 71%

Richard Cullen (individual member) requested more information about district training hubs and what they will provide. Also, is there a target date for them to be rolled out? *These should be in place by the year-end and will be physical training to enable members to provide workshops and/or classes to help members upskill and take on positions within the membership.*

Tim Coombe (individual member) congratulated the NEC on the membership upswing and the welcome into the interfaith community due to the work done by ministers, which has seen speakers from the Hindu and Muslim communities. He urged the membership to be as inclusive as possible to continue the membership uptake.

Joanne Lunds raised an observation she has made with regards to the bookshop stock, which has been ongoing, and if there could be a review of the books and a realistic list be made of availability, and what other books would meet the studying requirements.

Irene Janos West Midlands was interested in how many overseas members there are and would like to see the statistics. Also, if the Union had plans to create a pathway for overseas members to join the NEC or become officers or directors. *The NEC will take it forward so doors can be opened for the overseas members.*

The COO addressed the membership, asking for opinions on how to make bursaries more available and obtain the criteria without being intrusive, and a poll was held. Papers were distributed for members to note their suggestions, and these were collected for the NEC to consider taking this forward.

Nathan Poole (individual member) referred to the speech by Minister Simon James on applicants and trainees and spoke on the culture within the Union around raising concerns and your voice, with the implication of this being wrong, along with his experience of applying for training and subsequent journey. With his experience being raised to the Head of Governance and the President, his complaints have still not been addressed. He questioned why applicants are in the manner that he has and why the Union has issues with people raising complaints and asked if the current process is fit for purpose. *Response - the Head of Governance has been on sick leave, and the NEC were not aware of the complaint. It was addressed in the President's speech that diverse voices are being welcomed, and the President is unaware of issues with complaints being raised and apologises for this experience and that the matter will be investigated.*

Adam Berry (individual member) talked about the prevention of church closures and the accounting procedures with proceeds from a sale and feels that the procedure does not reflect the spirit of the movement and feels that there is a discrepancy within the figures quoted in the accounts.

Adam continued the transparency of how monies are spent and the proposed creation of district church funds, reforming the way management fees are charged in order to better reflect the values and strengthen the movement, increasing church survival. *A written response will be provided directly to Adam.*

James Underwood responded to the difference in the figures raised.

Lorraine Todd (President, West Midlands DC) made all aware of the service of remembrance they are holding on 9th November 2025 at Arboretum.

Kyle Pedley gave a short presentation on the new website.

Day One of the AGM concluded at this point.

DAY TWO OF THE AGM

17. Votes of Thanks

- The Gladys Owen Prize for General Administration - awarded to Luca Garbin (overseas member).
- The Gladys Owen Award for Speaking (Diploma Level) - awarded to Rachel Casson, OSNU East London District.
- The Arthur Conan Doyle Award for PAD - awarded to Hayley Fox from Southern DC.
- The Olive Haywood Award for Achievement - awarded to Lucas Ilcken (overseas member).
- Education Shield - awarded to Lynn Edwards OSNU Stourbridge Church
- The Tom Hibbs Prize (Achiever of the Year) - awarded to Arjan Van Gerner (overseas member)
- The Dorothy Wilson Award - awarded to Gail Selbie from Scottish & Irish DC.
- The Eileen Ledger Prize - awarded to Luca Garbin (overseas member).
- The Special Endeavour Prize - awarded to Fulvia Ferrante (overseas member).
- The Ted Annable Prize - awarded to Peter Martin, East Midlands DC.
- The Bob Bassett Prize - awarded to Anne Morris, East London DC.
- The Church of the Year - awarded to Newton Abbot Spiritualist Church.
- The Church of Excellence - awarded to Doncaster Progressive Spiritualist Church.
- The Church of Achievement - awarded to Rhyl & District Spiritualist Centre.
- Spiritualist of the Year - awarded to Susan Quinn, Scottish & Irish DC.
- Lifetime Achievement Award - awarded to Kathryn Crossley, OSNU.
- The Community Service Award - awarded to Bloxwich Spiritualist Church
- awarded to Willington Spiritualist Church.
- Service to Spiritualism - awarded to Gerrad Smith, West Midlands DC.
- The Dorothy Hudson Award - awarded to Francis Nolan, West London District.
- The Award of Merit - awarded to Ernie Gilbert-Grey posthumously.
- Volunteer of the Year Award - awarded to David Richie, West Midlands DC.

Lorraine Gilbert-Grey led the prayer to remember the members who have passed and given a lifetime of service.

- **East London DC:** James Howlett, Joyce Latham, Jackie Parsons.
- **East Midlands DC:** Christine Shawcross, Dawn Darboe, Dorothy Coope, Florence Ward, Janet Julian, Joann Greer, John Peck, Josie Featherstone, Karen Robson, Margaret Bennett, Wendy Eyre.
- **Manchester DC:** Freda Robinson, Marion Crompton, Jane Hutchinson.
- **Merseyside & North Wales DC:** Bill Murray, Harry Brand, Joanne Scott, Pat Murray.
- **North Lancashire & Cumbria DC:** Eileen Hargreaves, Marilyn Homer.
- **North Yorkshire DC:** Brenda Button, Ruth Vaines (nee. Shaw).
- **Northern DC:** Dr Trevor Cunif Martin, Andrew J Miller, Carol Ahmed, Doreen Jones, Edith Parrish, Gordon Pound, Liz Parker, Minister Nora Shaw, Monty Havelock, Paul Nuttal, Rose Crone, Sandra Hall, Sharon Hall, Thomas Sedman, Ted Taylor.
- **Overseas:** John Thorsberg.
- **Scottish & Irish DC:** Betty McLaren, Elizabeth Wilson, Jackie MacKay, John McDonald.
- **Southwestern DC:** Alan Hockney, Betty Quinn, Gillian Harrison, Jonathan Brown, Minister Shirley Chubb.

- **South Yorkshire DC:** Julie Kathleen Wilson, Olive Burgin
- **Southern DC:** Alan Baker, Gwendolen Hewlett, Louise Palmer, Margaret Sophie Russell, and Shelley Brewer.
- **West London DC:** Anne Yearsley, Angelica Simpson, Ernie Gilbert-Gray, Janet Neville, Linda Trefry, Lyn Smith, Mariea Rudenko-Fear, Pat Palmer, Wayne Marriott.
- **West Midlands DC:** Derek John Jones, ONSU, Hugh Davis, John Brittle, Liz Welham-Daly, Minister Lynette Coulston, Moira Hawkins, Susan Pearce, Vilma Davies, Wendy Pickering, Terry O'Connor, Mariea Rudenko-Fear

Following these announcements, the membership was led in prayer.

The President then asked the membership for ideas on improvements that could be made within the organisation, which were taken away for discussion and consideration by the NEC.

AGM closed with thanks to all the team and volunteers that helped run the meeting.



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