

# **BRITISH INSTITUTE OF VERBATIM REPORTERS**

## **Extraordinary General Meeting**

held virtually via Zoom on Saturday 12 September 2020

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Georgina Ford (President)  
Alan Bell  
Melanie Ball  
Victoria Davies  
Nicole Harrison (Vice President)  
Rebekah Lamplough  
Orla Pearson  
Louise Pepper  
Ian Roberts  
Mary Sorene  
Julie Whitaker  
Leah Willersdorf  
Miriam Weisinger

The EGM commenced at 10:24 a.m.

THE PRESIDENT: We are now quorate. We are holding this EGM because we want to increase the pool for choosing the President at the AGM next week so that members have three people to choose from.

### **Special Resolution:**

Due to the shrinking pool of candidates for presidency, Council proposes the following Special Resolution:

**To permit the name of Georgina Ford to go forward as a candidate for the Presidency notwithstanding Article 20 which states:**

20. The President shall hold office for one year and shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of three years after the termination of their year of office. Nevertheless the Institute may from time to time in General Meeting, by a resolution (of which due notice shall be given in the notice convening the meeting) passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Fellows and Members present and voting thereat, declare that any Fellows or Members who, but for the period of disqualification mentioned above would be eligible for election as President, shall be so eligible for the then ensuing year, and upon such resolution being passed any Fellow or Member affected thereby shall be qualified to hold the office of President.

Those eligible for President (to be voted on at the AGM) are (in alphabetical order):

Alan Bell and Ian Roberts

(plus Georgina Ford should the preceding Special Resolution be passed.)

(Orla Pearson and Miriam Weisinger, although eligible, have indicated that they do not wish to stand this time).

IAN ROBERTS: You already have votes, don't you, Mary?

MEL BALL: I second that.

SECRETARY: Yes, I have. We can have a discussion about it if you wish, but if you want to go straight to a vote, for those who have not already voted, if you want to send your votes in. Louise has not already voted, Miriam and, I think, Nicole have not already voted.

LOUISE PEPPER: Can we just vote on here and say "aye"?

IAN ROBERTS: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Can we just let anybody who objects say so and state as to why?

(No answer)

THE SECRETARY: Madam President, do you wish to just hold the vote as we will next week to have a practise run at it? If those who have not already voted please send a private message through to Mary on the chat.

There are four votes in the Chat. All voting "For".

I had 28 votes previously "for". That makes 32 votes for in total. There was one abstention.

The Resolution is therefore overwhelmingly carried.

The EGM concluded at 10:35 a.m.