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7 Election of auditors

The meeting agreed to reappoint PKF (UK) LLP as auditors and to authorise the trustees to fix their remuneration.

8 Election of scrutineers

Proposed by B Foster and seconded by S Cooper.

J Tiffney and L Leather were re-elected as scrutineers for the coming term.

Other business

9 Date of the next Annual Meeting

The President advised that the 2010 Annual Meeting would be held at Chadwick Court on 8 July 2010.

The President placed on record his thanks to the Chief Executive and staff for all the work that goes on at Chadwick Court.

Signed:
Dr Stephen Battersby, CIEH President

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- 1 The Annual Meeting was held at Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London SE1 8DJ on Thursday 9 July 2009. The President, Dr Stephen Battersby, chaired the meeting.

The President welcomed members to Chadwick Court. He reminded members of the object of the CIEH to “Promote for the public benefit the theory and science of environmental health in all its aspects and the dissemination of knowledge about environmental health”. He said that “today we look at whether we have addressed our object during 2008 and whether the CIEH has properly exercised its duties under our Royal Charter. The Annual Report highlights our activities during the year and members are encouraged to receive it and ask any questions”.

“Two matters stood out in the report and require emphasis; firstly climate change. We should be addressing it in all aspects of our activities, it provides an opportunity for members to demonstrate the key importance of their role in society; Secondly, inequalities in health. The Marmot report and its comments on the social gradient of health. This recognises that it is not just the differences between the top and the bottom in society, there is a gradation in health and health life chances and wellbeing. Environmental health practitioners are ideally placed in their every day work to address these issues.”

Important work was being carried out every day on those issues and he urged members to report their work through the Journal of Environmental Health Research on the environmental health interventions that work so that our evidence base is enriched. Such evidence would also aid the development of CIEH policy.

- 2 **The Procedure in Calling the Meeting**

The Chief Executive confirmed that the meeting had been called in accordance with the requirements of the charter and byelaws.

- 3 **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 July 2008**

The meeting approved the minutes (proposed by Nigel Haverson and seconded by David Natolie) without comment, as a correct record and these were duly signed by the President.

Ordinary business

- 4 **To consider and receive the report of Council on actions taken to implement motions carried on 12 July 2008**

No motions were carried.

- 5 **Fellowships and Honorary members**

The meeting noted that Fellowships were awarded to the following members in 2008:

Stephen Cochrane
Nigel Haverson
Samuel Knox
Jennifer Douse
Rachel Flowers
Stuart Lines
Elaine Michel

The President asked for the minutes to record that the previous CIEH Honorary Member, Xavier Bonnefoy had passed away in November 2007.

- 6 **Annual Report of Council and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2008**

The President reiterated his opening comments and asked the meeting to consider and receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

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The floor was open for questions on the Annual Report:

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The Chief Executive responded that the impact of the current economic climate as well as local government reorganisation would have an impact over the next 5–10 years. The reductions in public sector financing would be significant in the coming years and the need to find new ways in which to support members’ professionalism and development was urgent. While experienced environmental health practitioners in local government were seeking early retirement, the CIEH was not losing them from the profession. The CIEH needed to ensure that improvements in membership services were provided during 2010 and beyond. This had been one of the drivers for the regionalisation programme together and had attracted increased resources to strengthen the regional base.

The President opened the floor for questions on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

David Purchon, Y&H Region and International SIG, asked for comments on the pension liabilities as compared to our reserves.

The Director of Finance responded that the pension situation had been examined during the year and was the subject of constant review. The CIEH had a net positive asset position and had amounts in the general fund of £5.33M; there was a pension fund liability of £1.87M which was based on a prescribed actuarial formula. The CIEH had essentially two issues, the ongoing pension fund liability and the liability if it were to close. The calculation would be different for each. In essence, however, the CIEH had undesignated funds and general reserves which would cover off either liability. The pension reports were presented in the accounts in accordance with the FRS17 convention.

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