



National Alliance of Women's Organisations
Minutes of the 24th Annual Meeting held on 9th July 2018
at
Europe House, London

1. Welcome and Apologies

NAWO Chair Zarin Hainsworth (ZH) welcomed members and expressed gratitude to Europe House for hosting us. ZH re-iterated that only fully-paid up members can vote but non-members were very welcome to the meeting as observers.

There were 16 member organisations and individuals in attendance and 12 guests. Apologies were tabled.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 September 2016

The Minutes of the last AGM, held on 4 October 2017, were circulated and included in the NAWO AGM pack.

Zarin Hainsworth called for any corrections to the minutes.

There were none forthcoming.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Barbara Cleary and seconded by Annette Lawson.

The minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

3. Report and Accounts from the period 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017

Zarin Hainsworth summarised the narrative of the Trustees' report which covered a busy and successful period in NAWO's work.

During this period NAWO continued to be involved in initiatives aimed at improving the lives of women and girls. Some of the work included: developing its alliances with other women's organisations drawn from a wider network. It has succeeded in leading and continuing to work with

the now established UK NGO CSW Alliance to develop this mechanism into an effective and extensive network of organisations interested in the UN and its annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). NAWO Chair Zarin Hainsworth was elected to remain as Chair of the UK NGO CSW Alliance. NAWO continued its close collaboration with the Parliamentary Office of the EU in London at Europe House.

Through our Young Women's Alliance we have offered training to young feminist activists and provided opportunities for them to be involved and contribute to the work of NAWO and represent the voices of young women, particularly at CSW and at post-CSW events.

NAWO continued its work at the Commission on the Status of Women, hosting a number of very successful side events, co-hosting others and supporting a number of the events held by other organisations. NAWO presented a written statement to the UN, calling for the full implementation of existing legal frameworks for gender equality, and for the voices of women of all ages to be heard. NAWO also supported the active participation of YWA delegates, young women who spoke at a variety of events.

The year's events and activities were highlighted, particularly the work around BREXIT and Women's Rights; the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); NAWO's membership of and continued support for the European Women's Lobby (EWL) and the UK Joint Committee on Women (UKJCW); NAWO's events to mark the 16 Days of Activism Campaign; and the Annual Seminar.

The attendees commented that it was a very comprehensive and informative report and thanked those who had compiled it.

The Chair invited NAWO Treasurer Wendi Momen to present the Accounts for the period. Wendi Momen presented the accounts, highlighting in particular the amount of money raised, expenditure and the balance to be carried forward and pointing out the financial challenges faced by NAWO. She also thanked Barbara Cleary for her great assistance and expressed her gratitude to Ardeshir Laloui, the Independent Examiner, and Farzin Yourtchi, NAWO accountant, for their help and support.

The treasurer asked if there were any questions related to the accounts but none were forthcoming.

Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Barbara Cleary and seconded by Wendi Momen. The Report and Accounts were unanimously accepted and signed by the Chair.

4. Motions

The following resolutions proposed by Barbara Cleary and seconded by Wendi Momen were passed by a show of hands:

4.1 That Ardeshir Laloui be re-appointed as the Independent examiner of the Accounts for the year 2018.

4.2 That Margaret Clark be affirmed as a full member of the Management Committee

4.3 That Fatoumata Diallo, Justina Mutale and Lou Armitt be elected to the Management Committee.

5. Discussion and closing remarks

The Chair's Report was followed by a lively discussion about the topics central to the work of NAWO and the future of NAWO.

In her closing remarks the Chair extended NAWO's thanks to the past and current members of the Management Committee, to Barbara Cleary, NAWO Vice-Chair and to Wendi Momen, NAWO Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, for their enthusiasm and hard work. The AGM ended with thanks to Zarin Hainsworth for her inspiring and assiduous work.