



Annual General Meeting of the Inayatiyya UK: Minutes

Saturday September 14th, 2024, 10:30am – 12:30pm (online)

Beauchamp Lodge, 2 Warwick Crescent, London W6 2NE

Minutes

i. Attendees

Mary Latifa
Nigel hamilton
Robert Cobbold
Kim Richardson
Margaret Nimmo-Smith
Pamela
Marguerite Wallis
vivienne brown
Michael
Colin Stewart
Aeolia
Eve Salomon
Angela Gruber
Susan Stothard
Margaret Hannah
Katalin Taylor
Diana
Hazel Ghaniy
Paula Jacobs

Moir
elkehanman
Kim Hanna
StephanDilley
Cornelia Dobb
deepa patel
Zbigniew Kolodziej
Toshiko
Sasha (Inayatiyya UK Office)

Apologies: Vayu Smyly, Mary Aman Bunting

ii. Minutes from 2023 AGM

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted as a true record.

iii. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

iv. Treasurer's Report, approval of FY 2023-24 accounts

For a number of reasons it had not been possible to finalise the accounts in time for the AGM. This was in part due to transferring management from Inanna Sofia to Sasha for fewer hours, leaving Sasha unable to deal with financial issues. Without a bookkeeper, it was challenging to work out what transaction was for what, especially as some items were not invoiced and payments come in without a reference. However it was reported that the income for the year was £77,086.95 and the expenditure was £49,763.00. This left a balance of £38,818.11. This did not include figures for the Healing Order, which are shown in the accounts but are restricted for their use.

v. Inayatiyya U.K. Constitution

Munira introduced this item explaining that the old Constitution, although it had been revised a couple of times over the years, needed a major rehaul to make it fit for purpose and to accurately reflect how the Inayatiyya UK operates. The draft had been approved by Pir Zia and Gulrukh.

One change to highlight was that Pir Zia was removed as a trustee, as he had in fact no involvement in the running of the charity. However,

he was given the power to fire trustees, a nuclear option, in the event of the trustees acting improperly.

In response to questions from Amin, Munira explained that while there were no Inayatiyya regulations as yet, the intention was that Ashiqs would not be (voting) members. Only fully initiated Murids and members of the Healing Order would be eligible to vote. She also clarified that although the trustees have the power to exclude someone from membership, that would only happen after due process through the Complaints procedure under the auspices of the Ethics Committee.

vi. Appointment of New Trustees

Nigel, as Chair, said that the current trustees had, between them, served for over 200 years. He had been a trustee for 43 years, as well as Sarida, followed by Aziz, Vakil and Noor at around 40 years each. This was not charity best practice! Going forward, the intention was that trustees would serve for a term of 3 years, with a maximum of 6 years. It was agreed that work would have to be done to widen the leadership cadre and encourage people to step up into positions of responsibility for the organisation.

Munira Eve Salomon, Noor Alima Kim Hanna and Tajalli Angela Gruber were appointed as trustees for an initial term of 3 years, with Munira as initial Chair.

The outgoing trustees, Nigel, Sarida, Aziz, Vakil and Noor were thanked for their dedicated service over so many years.

vii. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of the next AGM is 18 October 2025.