



International Guild of Knot Tyers
2021 AGM, Saturday 8th May at 21:00 BST (UTC+1)
to be held online via Zoom

AGENDA

- 1 Opening address by the President
- 2 In remembrance
- 3 Apologies for absence
- 4 Minutes of the Emergency AGM 25th April 2020 (overleaf)
- 5 Chairman's report
- 6 Secretary's report
- 7 Report from the Executive Committee
- 8 Report from the Membership Secretary
- 9 Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts
- 10 Motion:** Appointment of an account scrutineer for 2021.
- 11 Motion:** Paragraph 9 of the IGKT Constitution – 'The maximum number of Trustees to be increased from 5 to 7'. This was proposed at the 2020 meeting (see Minutes overleaf)
- 12 Election of Trustees:** Currently these are
Chairman: Ken Yalden Secretary: David Bodger Treasurer: Colin Byfleet
Trustees: Maurice McPartlan, Des Pawson.
Trustees co-opted during 2020: Lynne Hudson, Tim Martin, Sheila Pearson
After many years' service to the Guild, Ken Yalden has decided to stand down. He retires with our grateful thanks for more than 25 years of help, guidance and encouragement.
The four remaining current Trustees and the three co-opted Trustees are willing to stand. There being no other proposal
Motion: The aforementioned group of seven members be elected to serve as Trustees for 2021-22'.
- 13 Executive Committee:** Several long-standing members of this committee have become due for retirement at this meeting. Their contribution to the running of the Guild is acknowledged with our grateful thanks. The members willing to stand in 2021-2 are:

Jean-Pierre Durand – France, Chair	Jim Wolf – USA, Secretary	Adam Masters – UK	Geert Willaert – Belgium
Darren Samphier – Australia	Yuval Dvoran – Germany	John Trevvett – USA	Ed Crumpton – UK
Colin Byfleet, Trustee <i>ex officio</i>			

Motion: To confirm the above members of the committee for the year 2021-2

- 14 Questions from members
- 15 Any other business
- 16 Future meetings

If Covid-19 allows, the next AGM and Symposium, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Guild, will be held in Ipswich UK, on Saturday May 7th 2022. Failing this, if this 2021 online meeting proves a success, the 2022 AGM will be held in the same way.

The 2023 AGM will be held at the venue postponed from 2020 in New Brighton, UK on 6th May 2023
The Autumn meeting in Mariehamn, Aland, Finland, scheduled for September 2020, will be held in September 2022. Date to be confirmed.

Minutes of the emergency online AGM, held online by the Trustees only, on April 25th 2020

(All travel had been suspended by the UK government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic)

1. The AGM: as there were no issues that had been raised for discussion by the AGM the Trustees decided that the two items that required a decision were agreeing the accounts, and the membership of the Trustees and the Executive Committee. As these were items for which the Trustees are ultimately responsible, they took the decision to deal with them themselves. The Accounts were passed. The current membership of the Trustees and the Executive Committee were reaffirmed for the next year. As there seemed little chance of holding an AGM in the next 9 – 12 months it was decided to cancel the 2020 AGM completely. These decisions were passed to Executive for comment.
2. The Trustees were concerned that the current limit to their numbers of 5, as stated in the Constitution, was too few to allow for succession planning. They decided that they should recommend to the next AGM that this be increased to 7. In the meantime they proposed to co-opt two more members, preferably women, to join the Trustees. This too was passed to the Executive for comment.
3. Similarly there was seldom change in the Executive Committee Membership with little chance of succession planning. They therefore recommended to Executive that committee members should serve a maximum term of five years before re-election. This was passed to the Committee to design a system by which this could be done without incurring a complete change every five years.
4. Following recommendations by the retiring President, Colin Grundy was installed as President with immediate effect and Europa Chang will be awarded the President's Cup for the year.
5. It was agreed that the current arrangement whereby Honorary Membership was awarded by simple agreement should continue rather than have a set of conditions which could be a hostage to fortune in the future.
6. The future of the Guild Library was discussed. It is hoped that the majority of this will move to the Historic Dockyard at Chatham at the earliest opportunity to widen the potential use. It was decided that particularly valuable or unique books would be retained by the Guild and that duplicate copies of books would be auctioned to Guild members (subject to any conditions laid down by the donors). This would both to raise funds for future projects and ensure wider use.
7. It was agreed that the Guild should develop a Publishing Policy. Des Pawson and Maurice McPartlan volunteered to draw this up for the Trustees' approval and it would then be passed to Executive for action.

David Bodger
Secretary to the Trustees

April 2020.