

Liberal International British Group

Annual General Meeting, National Liberal Club, 6.30pm 1 July 2019

Present: Baroness Northover, Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Mark Smulian, Paul Reynolds, Margaret Lally, Geoff Payne, Soon-yeng Chiam, Derek McAuley, Denis Loretto, Jonathan Coulter, Baroness Garden, John Pindar, Richard Kirker, Howard Henshaw, Rabi Martins, Jonathan Fryer, Catherine Royce

Apologies: Merlene Emerson, Anne Lewis, Gerry Lewis, Carol Weaver, Derek Honeygold, Lord Steel, John Innes, Rebecca Tinsley, Alieu Cissay, Stewart Rayment, David Chalmers, Hussain Khan, Imad Ahmad

Chair's report: AHT noted successful events held during the year with forums on Yemen, the Uighurs, Iran, LGBT issues and American foreign policy. He thanked those who had helped organise these. The diplomats reception was now organised by the NLC with support from LIBG and had been a success. AHT thanked Paul Reynolds and Wendy Kyrle-Pope for their work with this.

Treasurer's report: WKP tabled the accounts, which were accepted and it was noted that a small loss had arisen but in line with expectations.

WKP noted that Go Cardless was now available on the website which made it easier to join and renew. She urged members to organise more events in their home regions and it was agreed LIBG would consider a presence at regional Lib Dem conferences.

Membership report: In John Innes' absence AHT reported there were about 260 members. He thanked JI, who stood down, for his work.

Elections: A report from returning officer Margaret Lally showed those elected were: President, Baroness Northover; minutes secretary, Mark Smulian; treasurer, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, membership secretary, vacant, executive members: Imad Ahmed, Rebecca Tinsley, Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett, Shazad Iqbal, Rabi Martins, Catherine Royce. It was agreed to accept some nominations that had reached the returning officer late: John Pindar, Hussain Khan, Paul Reynolds and Merlene Emerson. This left two vacant executive posts to be filled by co-option.

Appointment of auditor: Shelia Stuart was re-elected.

Closing remarks: Baroness Northover discussed uncertainty over Brexit and threats around the world to liberal values.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm and was followed by a talk by Jonathan Fryer on the politics of Brazil.