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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association
Held at St Anne's Manor, Wokingham, Surrey on Saturday 22nd September 2018**

PRESENT

President	Mr Nick Lawrence
Vice-President	Mrs Jacquie Stedman
Immediate Past President	Mr Michael Hastilow
Chairman of Trustees	Mr John W Barnes
Life Members	Mr Robert Lumsden and Mr J W Barnes
Regional Councillors	Mrs Kay Rowan, Mrs Christine Hunter Hughes, Mr Ian Cox, Mrs Nanette Lovell, Mrs Jacquie Stedman, Mr Gordon Richardson, Mr Graham Liverton, Mr Stuart McCue-Dick, Mr Les Smith, Mr Don McKay
Chief Operating Officer	Mr Dale Freeman
Honorary Solicitor	Mr Christopher Harper
Honorary Members, Regional Representatives, Society Representatives and Individual Members	

1. CONFIRMATION OF NOTICE OF MEETING: The President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of National Operatic and Dramatic Association and confirmed that in accordance with Clause 11, no resolutions had been received by the due date.

Messages from the Patrons of NODA, Connie Fisher and Lord Lloyd Webber, were read out

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Apologies have been received from a number of NODA members (45) and these were on a list which was available to view at the meeting.

3. IN MEMORIAM

The meeting stood for one minute as a mark of respect for all Individual Members and Members of Societies nationwide, who had died during the last year. In particular:

NODA EAST

Derek Boreham
Gerald Busk
Tanya Collins
June Farmer
Jim Gradison
Norman Grantham
Paul Hewes
Tony Nash
David Kett
Emlyn Moment
Chrissie Robertson
Rob Simmons
Pat Squires

Peter Streek
Kelsey Stone
Jean Wilson
Peter Winter

NODA EAST MIDLANDS

Cyril Hunter
David Walker

NODA NORTH WEST

Jackie Kay
David Parks

NODA WEST MIDLANDS

Kay Ikin

Margery Carmichael
Stephen Bickerton
Glyn Botham
Margaret Burton
Leslie Blyther
Anne Coxon
Gillian Mayall
Derek Pass

NODA SOUTH WEST

Mary Hobbs
Carol Lee
Barbara Davis
Gwyneth Maer

Pam Eves
Brian Swallow
Barbara Hay
Christine Sinclair
John Baker
Alan Wagstaff
June Keen
Paul Zapple
Mike Baker
Jim Stuckey
Peter Jackson
Chris Parrott
Paul West
Robert Moulding

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 23rd September 2017 were available prior to the meeting

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by: Margaret Barker, Seconded by Pam Armstrong and agreed by all

NODA President Nick Lawrence signed the Minutes in view of the meeting

5. CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The report on behalf of Council was included in the Annual Review and no questions had been submitted prior to the meeting. The report for 2017 started from May when NODA became a CIO and the figures in the accounts relate to the 8 month. In August the Head Office became fully staffed. The plans for a Training Day for Treasurers, Editors, Webmasters and Youth Advisers were fulfilled in February 2018. Specific mention was made of the introduction of membership payment by Direct Debit and the introduction of rolling membership for new members whereby renewal will be due on the anniversary of joining NODA. Any questions can be addressed to Dale Freeman.

Nick Lawrence invited Jacquie Stedman to speak on behalf of NODA Summer School. Jacquie introduced the school Director Sarah Osborne who gave the following update.

‘NODA Theatre Summer School is an opportunity for adults to immerse themselves for a whole week in training of highest quality in a specific area of performance and production.

So what makes it the highest quality? I’d like to tell you about 3 specific components.

The choice: Last year the students had 14 courses to choose from including Musical Theatre in rehearsal and performance, stage management, physical theatre, stage combat, theatre sound, acting for musical theatre – that’s just half of them so whether you are an actor, singer, dancer, technician or director there is something for you – it’s worth mentioning that we cater for all levels of experience. The Tutors. Our tutors come from the highest strata of educational and professional organizations. They are exceptionally experienced, generous, knowledgeable and inspirational people I have ever had the privilege to work with – each one brings a unique and brilliant insight in to their area of expertise. The Students. As you are living with your fellow

students you want to know they're going to be good company and the answer is they absolutely are – each year we welcome both new and familiar faces and each year by the end of the week they have become life long friends – they are passionate about theatre and want to learn – they also so want to have fun and so they play as hard as they work – just ask your outgoing president as Nick was a student this year as he has been many times before. There are many other elements that make summer school special but it's worth pointing out that the individual parts are nowhere near as impressive as what happens when they all come together. I was a tutor for 10 years at summer school and I am starting my second year as director – it has been an absolute privilege to be involved in both roles and having just finished designing the portfolio of courses for 2019 I am genuinely excited about what the next year will bring. Obviously I am biased, but I heartily recommend you let anyone in your region know about summer school or indeed consider attending yourself. I can guarantee you a weekend you'll never forget.'

There were no questions.

Proposal to accept the Council's report as a true record of the year's activities of the Charity's Annual Report – Proposed by Frances Chalkwright, Seconded by Fred Piggford and agreed by all

6. ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1ST May TO 31ST December 2017. The Consolidated Accounts (audited by MHA MacIntyre Hudson) had been prepared to confirm to SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) as required by the Charity Commission and incorporated the changes required by the implementation of FRS 102 (Financial Reporting Standard) and had been approved on behalf of Council on 26th April 2018 and copies are available from the Peterborough Head Office.

The accounts are the first of NODA as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and cover the 8 months period 1st May to 31st December 2017, accordingly as this is a new legal entity there are no comparative figures. These first results incorporated the assets taken over from the old Association which in accordance with the Accounting standards appear as Income. Net income before investment income was £937,409 less the value brought into the Association of £889,729 leaving a real increase in the period of £47,680, plus a surplus on revaluation of investments of £4,696 making the total surplus in the period to 31st December 2017 to £52,376 which with the value of funds inherited from the Association makes a total of £942,105.

Profits from NODA Ltd, the Association's trading subsidiary, was £89,522. Insurance commission of £95,362 received in the period included a profit share of £21,856. The overall net costs of regional events in the period was £41,425. The net costs of Summer School amounted to £19,908 being bursary support and allocated administration costs. Publishing, Print and electronic newsletters and magazines spend was £33,794. Governance costs in the period amounted to £35,614.

Council reported that at the end of December 2017 the net consolidated worth of NODA CIO, was £942,105 and recommended the adoption of these accounts.

There were no questions.

Proposal to adopt the Accounts as a true record - Proposed by Caroline Jervis, Seconded by Sarah Hall and agreed by all.

7. APPOINT THE ASSOCIATION'S AUDITORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 11 (1)(b)(vii)

Council proposed that MHA McIntyre Hudson of Priestgate, Peterborough be elected as Auditors for 2018-19.

The Proposal was Seconded by Marie Coltman and agreed by all.

8. DECLARATION ON THE NUMBERS OF MEMBERS (AND NON-VOTING MEMBERS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 11 (1)(b)(iii)

	Society	Individual/Joint	Hon	Life	Total
East	264	54	1	18	337
East Midlands	157	44	1	7	209
London	201	57	0	16	274
North	90	41	2	9	142
North East	175	193	5	20	393
North West	243	52	1	22	318
Scotland	176	146	2	61	385
South East	250	59	4	10	323
South West	262	47	1	9	319
Wales & Ireland	120	43	0	10	173
West Midlands	182	54	3	8	247
Total	2120	790	20	190	
Corporate	3				3
Schools & Colleges	15				15
Overseas	8	4	2		14
Non Performing	22				22
Total	2168	794	22	190	3174

9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR PERIOD 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 11(1)(B)(iv)

The Council proposes subscription payable for the year commencing 1st January 2019 remain the same as last year (inclusive of appropriate VAT) and will be:

Individual membership	£28
Joint membership	£37

Corporate Membership	£193
Associate Membership	£71
Corporate Membership	£193
Band AA (non performing)	£40
Band A (£0 - £4999)	£72
Band B (£5000 - £9999)	£117
Band C (£10,000 - £19,999)	£163
Band D (£20,000 - £30,000)	£185
Band E (£30,000 and over)	£200
Schools, Colleges and Universities	£20

The Council proposal was seconded by Sheelagh Hobart and agreed by all.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

There were no amendments to the Constitution

11. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES FOR 2018/2019

The Chairman of NODA Trustees holds office until the conclusion of the AGM. Mr Michael Hastilow was introduced as the Chairman for 2018-19. A presentation was made to Mr John W. Barnes retiring Chairman, in recognition of his work.

13. TO ELECT THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 11 (1)(b)(vi)

The following members were willing to stand:

Stewart Adkins, Witham

Sue Du Pont, Norwich

Michael Avery, Newcastle

Dee McIlroy, Abergavenny

Matt Castle, Preston

Agreed, by all following a show of hands

14. THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

A short video, showing highlights of the presidential year, was shown in place of verbal address.

Nick presented the PRESIDENT'S AWARD to Mark and Jane Warwick and the Bonkers Theatre, Kettering.

15. PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH MUSICAL SOCIETIES

Seamus Power, President of AIMS was invited to address the Association and welcomed to give his speech and gifts were exchanged.

16. DECLARATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019 The following were declared as elected to Council in accordance with Clause 11(1)(b)(v) :

NODA East	Mr Don McKay
NODA East Midlands	Miss Nannette Lovell
NODA North	Mr Gordon Richardson
NODA North East	Mr Leslie Smith
NODA North West	Mrs Christine Hunter Hughes

NODA Scotland	Mr Stuart McCue-Dick
NODA South East	Mrs Kay Rowan
NODA South West	Mr Graham Liverton
NODA Wales & Ireland	Mr Jordan Spencer
NODA West Midlands	Mr Ian Cox

One new Councillor was elected and was presented with his regalia

NODA London Councillor Mr Andrew Rogers

17. ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 11(1)(b)(v):

Council proposed Mr John W Barnes and Mr Michael Hastilow. Seconded by Graham Liverton and agreed by all

18. ELECTION OF HONPRARY MEMBERSHIP

There were no nominations

19. TO DECLARE THE ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

In accordance with Clause 18(6)(a) the election of the President and Vice-President for the year 2018-19 was announced as:

Vice-President: Mrs Christine Hunter Hughes (North West)

President: Mrs Jacquie Stedman (London)

Presentations of the official regalia were made to both and best wishes, and congratulations given by the meeting.

John W Barnes invited Past President Nick Lawrence to invest Mr David Stedman, President's Consort, with his regalia and a small gift.

The new President of NODA addressed the delegates.

20. TO ELECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 18 (9) THE NOMINEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Nick Lawrence had been nominated and President Jacquie Stedman presented him with Life membership of the Association. Jacquie also thanked the Past President's consorts for their time, energy and commitment.

That concluded the formal part of the meeting.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no points from the floor.

22. PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME AND POSTER AWARDS FOR 2017

The National Poster Competition Awards 2017:

RUNNER UP and recipient of the BILL & NORA TIMMENS TROPHY

'THE WIZARD OF OZ' NODA North West: Jewish Theatre Group, Manchester (JTC)

WINNER and recipient of the THOMSON-LENG TROPHY

'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF' NODA Scotland: Kirkcaldy Amateur Operatic Society

The Basic Class National Programme Awards:

RUNNER UP and recipient of the UNDERWOOD QUAICH

'IT'S MY LIFE' NODA North East: Whitkirk Arts Guild

WINNER and recipient of the BARNES TROPHY

'THE HISTORY BOYS' NODA West Midlands: Droitwich Theatre & Arts Club Ltd (Norbury Theatre)

The Standard Class National Programme Award:

RUNNER UP and recipient of the KAY DARBYSHIRE TROPHY

'The Witches' NODA South West: Exmouth Players

WINNER and recipient of the R T H PERKINS TROPHY

'FRANKENSTEIN' NODA London: Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society (SEDOS)

The Deluxe Class National Programme Award:

RUNNER UP and recipient of the RALPH WHITTAKER TROPHY

'My Fair Lady' NODA West Midlands: Birmingham & Midland Operatic Society (BMOS)

WINNER and recipient of the OWEN PEACOCK TROPHY

'TITANIC' NODA Scotland: Southern Light Opera Company

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting, but before closing the meeting, invested his successor, Mr Michael Hastilow, with his regalia. The Chairman looked forward to seeing everyone next year in the North West at either Southport or Manchester.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 15.55pm.

President Date