



NBA AGM – 13th May 2023 at Whitley Bay Baptist Church

Welcome from Hayley Young, Regional Minister (TSL).

Attendance: 62

Apologies: Peter Webster, Aileen Innes, Barbara Revill, Dave Etherington, Ashley Liston and Dave Tubby.

AGM chaired by Jess Steel, Moderator of the NBA

The meeting accepted the minutes of the last meeting as a true and accurate record.

Welcome to new ministers within the Association:

Mickey Munroe – Whitley Lodge BC, Martin Cockerill – New Life BC, Graham McBain – Community Minister, Hartlepool, Mairi McBain – Community Minister, Hartlepool, Garry Patchen – Billingham BC and Johny Pozzo – portfolio minister

Hayley Young asked for questions and comments on the Annual Report which is on our website. There were no questions or comments, and the Report was accepted by the meeting.

Gavin Monument gave a recap on the Finance Report which is on our website. There were no questions or comments. The Finance Report was accepted by the meeting.

Hayley Young gave an update on Council.

The following appointments to the NBA council (trustees) were accepted:

Jess Steel - unanimous

Mairi McBain – unanimous

Paul Knight - unanimous

Caroline Friend (for re-election to a second term) - unanimous

Rachel Holland (for re-election to a second term) - unanimous

The following annual appointments were accepted:

Treasurer: Gavin Monument - unanimous

Independent Examiner: John Watson - unanimous

Home Mission Rep: Roy Searle - unanimous

BMS Rep: Penny Hyde - unanimous

Jess Steel led the election of a Regional Minister: Team Leader. Jess informed the meeting:

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Following the recruitment process and interview on the 3rd May, the NBA Council will bring a resolution to appoint a named person for the role of Regional Minister: Team Leader. Information about the person and why the search committee believe they are the person called to the role will be shared.

This election will take place in line with our association bye-laws:

9.2 The appointment of Regional Ministers shall be made by resolution of a General Meeting supported by three- fourths of those present and voting.

The vote will be by ballot.

During the transition period of the NBA, the trustees decided to make Hayley's terms permanent and for her to lead the team. After a successful recruitment of the wider NBA team Hayley felt that it was right to move on so God could continue the work in the NBA through someone else with an eye for embedding the values of the NBA.

The search team and interview panel was made up of trustees, people across the NBA and two people from the Baptist Movement.

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| Jess Steel: | Moderator of the NBA & Youth Pastor at Stockton Baptist Church |
| Rachel Holland: | Trustee of the NBA & Community Minister at Portrack Baptist Church |
| Phil Dixon: | Trustee of the NBA & Minister at Oxford Road Baptist Church |
| Tony Ruddle: | Trustee of the NBA & Retired Minister |
| Mairi McBain: | Baptist Minister and Pioneer in Hartlepool |
| Martin Cockerill: | Minister of New Life Baptist Church |
| Chris Friend: | Co-Minister of Alnwick Baptist Church |
| Lynn Gradwell: | Member of Whitley Bay Baptist Church |
| Phil Barnard: | Regional Minister Team Leader of London Baptist Association |
| Diane Watts: | Team Leader of Faith and Societies Team of Baptist Together |

We understand that the process of calling a regional minister can feel like it is excluding the churches and ministers, however we have followed the pattern of the past, our bye-laws and of other associations. We have involved people from across the NBA in order to make sure different perspectives were included in the process.

We had 5 people apply for the role of regional minister team leader, we interviewed 3 people. Two of the people we interviewed were asking for this to be a job share (each working part time).

The search panel were unanimous in their decision to recommending calling Rev Linda Donaldson and Rev Johnny Pozzo for the role of Team Leader in the NBA, both working part time.

The panel felt that their strengths together will continue to move the NBA on and build on what has been started.

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Rev Linda Donaldson and Rev Johnny Pozzo each shared why they believed God was calling them to the role. They both then left the meeting.

Mairi McBain, Martin Cockerill and Lynn Gradwell shared, following the interview process, why they thought Linda and Johnny were right for the role and that the conclusion was unanimous.

The Chair opened the meeting up to questions. Those eligible to vote were then asked to do so.

The votes were counted by Gavin Monument and Penny Hyde.

The Chair informed the meeting that Johnny Pozzo and Linda Donaldson received a high majority. Johnny and Linda then re-entered the room to a round of applause.

There was a time of prayer for the new Regional Ministers.

Penny Hyde gave a BMS report, promoting the Engage magazine, encouraging church leaders to look at the Harvest appeal (materials are now online), she also wants to visit churches within the NBA (ministers are encouraged to book this through Clare, the Administrator).

The meeting was concluded by Jess Steel.

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