

# **14th Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 5 September 2007**

**12:00-12:30**

Main Auditorium

East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham University

**ASSOCIATION  
FOR LEARNING  
TECHNOLOGY**



## **AGENDA**

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Minutes of last general meeting, 6 September 2006**

### **3. Matters arising**

### **4. To approve the Report to Members (provided on arrival)**

### **5. Award of Honorary Life Membership to Terry Mayes**

### **6. Appointment of two Tellers and two Scrutineers**

### **7. Amendments to the Constitution (see Note A on next page and proxy voting instructions)**

### **8. Elections to Trustee vacancies (manifestos attached)**

#### **a) Election to the Vice-Chair of the Association (ex-officio member of the Central Executive Committee)**

**One nomination was received for:**

Dr Steve Ryan

proposed by: Susi Peacock; seconded by: George Roberts

**Steve Ryan is elected unopposed.**

#### **b) Election to two vacancies on the Central Executive Committee**

**Two nominations were received (in alphabetical order):**

Dick Moore

proposed by: David Jennings; seconded by: Paul Bacsich

John Phelps

proposed by: Bryan Dawson; seconded by: Barbara Newland

**Dick Moore and John Phelps are elected unopposed.**

### **9. Approval of audited accounts for 2006-2007**

### **10. Appointment of auditor for 2007-2008 accounts**

### **11. Handover to new President and close**

## Note A: Amendments to the Constitution

To consider the following resolution from the ALT Central Executive Committee for alterations to the ALT Constitution.

*"That all the revisions to the ALT Constitution proposed by the Central Executive and contained in the revised version circulated with the Agenda for the 2007 AGM be approved en bloc."*

### Explanation and comment

- 1) Clause 23 of the current Constitution (<http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/constitution2005.pdf>) empowers the AGM to amend the Constitution, with the exception of 4 particular "inviolable" clauses - 1, 3, 11, and 24 (change to which requires the prior consent in writing of the Charity Commissioners) - by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting, or by proxy at, a general meeting.
- 2) The Central Executive Committee, advised by Bev Cross, Legal Consultant, and acting on a decision by the 2005 AGM, has reviewed the current Constitution, and recommends that it be replaced by a revised version ([http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/revised\\_constitution\\_2007.doc](http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/revised_constitution_2007.doc)).
- 3) The revised version contains changes that fall into 2 categories.  
**Category 1** consists of corrections to typographical errors, some re-numberings of sub-clauses, and a series of small alterations that remove ambiguities and inconsistencies. None of these changes is intended to alter the meaning or operation of the current Constitution. The Central Executive Committee believes that these changes are too numerous for it to be practicable to consider them individually at a meeting; furthermore that to attempt to identify them individually would confuse rather than clarify.  
**Category 2** consists of a limited number of non-trivial changes. The rationale for each of these is explained within the revised document by the use of marginal comments, with the page references of each change as follows.  
Page 1: 4 i)  
Page 2: 6.6  
Page 3: 7.4  
Page 4: 9.2 d) and e); 9.3; 9.4  
Page 5: 10.2  
Page 8: 21.2
- 4) No changes, bar the correction of one trivial typographical error, have been made to the "inviolable" Clauses 1, 3, 11, or 24.
- 5) During the AGM, at which multiple copies of the current and proposed revised constitutions will be available, the resolution above will be proposed and seconded on behalf of the Central Executive Committee, following which there will be the opportunity for members to ask questions and speak for or against the resolution. The proposer will then respond, following which the resolution, will be put to the vote.
- 6) In line with Clause 23 of the current Constitution, members not able to attend the AGM will have been able to vote by proxy. Any proxy votes will be combined with the votes cast in the meeting, before the result is announced<sup>1</sup>. The proxy voting form, for return to the ALT Office by 17.00 BST on 31/8/2007, is at [http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/agma\\_2007\\_proxy\\_voting.pdf](http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/agma_2007_proxy_voting.pdf).

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<sup>1</sup> The ALT Operations Manager will be responsible for this process, which will be observed by the Scrutineers. To enable the count to take place free from time pressure, the result of the vote may not be available until after the close of the AGM.

## **Election addresses of candidates for the two ALT Trustee vacancies Elected unopposed (presented in alphabetical order)**

### **Dick Moore**

proposed by: David Jennings; seconded by: Paul Bacsich

I've worked in the private sector in both the UK and the US, and for many years in senior IT roles in the learning and skills sector, having started my professional career as a museum curator, as well as teaching in a big college of further and higher education. I now work as Director of Technology at the University for Industry (Ufi), leading a team of around 120 software developers and infrastructure people, with overall responsibility for one of the largest online learning operations in the world.

I have served for the last two years on the ALT-C Programme Committee, and Ufi has been a sponsoring member of ALT for many years.

I am standing for election because I strongly identify with ALT's aims and values, and because I want to support and shape the important and influential work that ALT does.

Trusteeship involves governance rather than management, and if elected I would hope to put my technical, organisational, teaching and managerial experience at the service of ALT. In short, I think that I would bring useful insights into the deliberations of Trustees, and that my involvement would help ALT as it implements its strategy over the next few years.

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### **John Phelps**

proposed by: Bryan Dawson; seconded by: Barbara Newland

I have worked in the field of learning technology for over 10 years supporting individuals to make effective use of technology to enhance the learning experience. I see the work of the Association as being critical to the development of learning technology and supporting learning technologists in their careers, through providing; a focus for learning technology; opportunities for working with like-minded colleagues; sharing and dissemination of research and good practice through the many events, publications and conferences that the Association organises.

I have worked with the Association since 2002, first as a member of the Events Committee, then Chair of the Events Committee, and currently as Chair of the Membership Services Committee. I have been a trustee since 2004. I am keen to complete the work we have started in the Membership Services Committee in examining the benefits of Membership and to further promote and develop the work of the Association across all sectors that the Association engages.

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## **Election address of the candidate for the ALT Vice-Chair vacancy Elected unopposed**

### **Dr Steve Ryan**

proposed by: Susi Peacock; seconded by: George Roberts

I am standing for vice-chair because I want to continue the good work of ALT and to help it play a central role in the development of learning technology in the future.

I have been involved with ALT for several years. I have served on the programme committee and have been Abstracts Editor, leading the process of selection for the conference. My Learning Technology experience has included leading Departments in both Old and New universities, consultancy and work in the public and private sector, research, and a range of national and international projects.

I fully support the general direction ALT is taking but there are four areas in which I would wish to encourage ALT to play an active a role as possible.

1. Career development, progression and recognition for staff with a role in Learning Technology. I have no easy answers but this is a real issue for our profession
  2. Internationalisation, extend and enhance our links building on past good work.
  3. Encouraging access to tools and resources for learning including Open Source, Open Access Publishing, Open Courseware and associated initiatives
  4. Playing a full role in the debates around copyright, IPR and patents particularly relating to E-learning.
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