



Annual General Meeting

Friday 12th July 2024 at 9am (during the Common Awards Staff Conference)

At Collingwood College, Durham

Agenda

Any matters not covered below must be notified to the Chair in advance of the meeting. There will be opportunities for informal conversation and discussion of the business of TEN during the preceding days of the Conference.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM (included below)
3. Approval of the 2023 annual report and accounts (included below)
4. Chair's report
5. Elections to the Executive (there are three vacancies)
6. Close / date of next AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 MINUTES

PART ONE

Tuesday, 4th July 2023

1.00pm to 2.00pm

High Leigh Conference Centre

Attendees:	Charles Read (CR)	Chairperson
	Simon Stocks (SS)	Treasurer
	Jo Slack (JS)	Secretary
	John Hartley (JH)	Exec. Member
	Keith Beech-Gruneberg (KBG)	Exec. Member

Siôn Aled
Emily S. Kempson
Ken Farrimond
Jennifer Totney
Tim Woolley
Bruce Kinsey
Cheryl Hunt
Lynn Comer
Ruth Newton

1. Welcome & Prayer

2. Apologies:	Michael Hull (MH)	Exec. Member
	Sarah Brush (SB)	Exec. Member
	Roger Latham	

As there was no sufficient members at this meeting to fulfil AGM quorate a discussion took place about the future of TEN and what it's main purpose is going forward.

3. Discussion Topics:

- 3.1. Late Stage 2 BAPs and TEI recruitment – An introduction to the topic was given and Keith responded by saying that there are meetings in place between TEI Principles and Ministry Division to try and find a working solution. Members were invited to share their concerns with the Committee who are in the process of writing a short letter outlining the issues that TEIs and their students are facing with the late stage 2 BAP process.
- 3.2. Developing a better network – The importance of the network aspect of the work of TEN was highlighted and it was discussed that moving forward it may be sensible to tap into the CA Resource Hub to build this up rather than using social media.

Discussion were had about how we might involve the few members who are not part of the CA programme and give them access to the Hub also. The CA infrastructure does not cover all the issues that are facing theological educators and it was felt that there is still a very real need for this independent network.

- 3.3. Cost of Living pressures for TEI staff – Anglican priests asking for pay rise of 9%. It was agreed that TEN could support the Lichfield scale but other than that not a lot we can do.
- 3.4. Fresh push of the TEN report as still discrepancies between non-residential, residential colleges and diocesan posts.
- 3.5. The importance of providing induction and information for those interested in becoming potential theological educators.

A second part of the AGM took place as below:

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PART TWO

Wednesday, 5th July 2023

12.00 noon to 12.15pm

High Leigh Conference Centre

Attendees:	Charles Read (CR)	Chairperson
	Simon Stocks (SS)	Treasurer
	Jo Slack (JS)	Secretary
	John Hartley (JH)	Exec. Member
	Keith Beech-Gruneberg (KBG)	Exec. Member
	Siôn Aled	Emily S. Kempson
	Ken Farrimond	Jennifer Totney
	Tim Woolley	Bruce Kinsey
	Cheryl Hunt	Lynn Comer
	Ruth Newton	David Heywood
	Mike Higton	Faith Bailey
	Phil Cooke	Richard Davis
	Sarah Lawrence	Graham Rutter
	Jen Smith	Sarah Spencer
	Coryn Stanforth	Elli Wort

1. **Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM** – Approved.
2. **Adoption of Accounts for 2022** – Approved.
3. **Proposal to suspend Independent Examination of Account for now.** Approved.

4. Election of Officers

- a. Chair – Jo Slack (Proposer Simon Stocks, Secunder John Hartley)
- b. Secretary – Jen Smith (Proposer Jo Slack, Secunder John Hartley)
- c. Treasurer – Simon Stocks (Proposer John Hartley, Secunder Margot Hodson)

5. Election of Executive Committee Members

- a. Charles Read
- b. John Hartley
- c. Bruce Kinsey

All elections unopposed.

NB Constitution allows up to 12 Executive Committee members (including officers). Ongoing members:

- Mike Hull
- Sarah Brush
- Keith Beech-Grüneberg

6. Date of next AGM – Middle day of next CA Conference TBC.

Theological Educators' Network

Annual report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Administrative Information

The Theological Educators' Network (TEN) of Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW10 3NZ is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 1078957). It was set up in May 1989 and is regulated by a constitution that was revised on 7th July 1999, and 9th July 2015, and 6th July 2016.

Structure, Management and Governance

The Charity is administered by an Executive Committee, comprising:

Chairman - Charles Read (to AGM) / Jo Slack (from AGM)
Secretary - Joanne Slack (to AGM) / Jen Smith (from AGM)
Treasurer - Simon Stocks

Other elected members:

2021 - 2025 - Sarah Brush; Michael Hull
2022 - 2026 - Keith Beech-Gruneberg
2023-2027 - Charles Read (from AGM), John Hartley, Bruce Kinsey (from AGM)

Co-opted members:

2023-2027 - Jennifer Totney (from Exec meeting 12/09/2023)

Officers of the Executive Committee are elected for renewable terms of two years.

Members of the Executive Committee are elected or co-opted for renewable terms of four years.

Objects and Activities

The object of the charity is to advance religion through the furtherance of theological education and ministerial training and in its practical and theoretical aspects. To this end conferences are held from time to time (usually annually) to facilitate discussion and deliberation, and training events are held for new theological educators.

Achievements and Performance

The principal activity in 2023 was the conference, which was held in conjunction with the Durham University Common Awards Staff Conference over 3rd - 5th July 2023, at High Leigh Conference Centre. The Annual Meeting of the charity took place during this conference, attended by 15 members. The executive committee met three times: in January, June and September.

Financial Review

The Accumulated Fund at the year-end amounted to £7,253. The conference generated no income. Expenditure was £68, which was almost compensated by bank interest received of £49.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Charity is to maintain an Accumulated Fund sufficient for on-going purposes and to add to this, as necessary, by planning for a surplus at the annual conference and/or by requesting the payment of subscriptions from members.

Plans for the Future

Conferences continue to operate effectively in conjunction with the Common Awards annual staff conference organised by Durham University as part of the Common Awards arrangements, and/or in conjunction with other national church groups with related interests (e.g. Continuing Ministerial Development network). The next conference will be 10th - 12th July 2024. Other events for specific groups are also planned.

Jo Slack
Chair of the Executive Committee

Jen Smith
Secretary to the Executive Committee

Theological Educators Network
Registered Charity No. 1078957

Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st December 2023

2022		2023
£		£
	Income	
0	Conference	0
<u>0</u>	Bank interest	<u>49</u>
0		49
	Expenditure	
	Executive Committee:	
0	Travel & postage	0
66	Website hosting & domain renewal	68
<u>0</u>	External examiner – <i>See note 1.</i>	<u>0</u>
66		68
<u>(66)</u>	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>(19)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Assets	
7,272	Cash on bank current account	204
<u> </u>	Cash on business saver account	<u>7,049</u>
7,272		7,253
	Liabilities	
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>7,272</u>		<u>7,253</u>
	Represented by:	
	Accumulated Fund	
7,338	Balance at 1 st January 2023	7,272
<u>(66)</u>	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>(19)</u>
<u>7,272</u>	Balance at 31 st December 2023	<u>7,253</u>

Note 1. The Executive and the AGM decided not to continue External Examination of the accounts given that the turnover is so small and very far below the statutory threshold for Examination.

Simon Stocks
Treasurer to the Executive Committee