

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025 – minutes

Day and time: 10 June 2025, 12:45

Venue: Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

1. Opening words from President Carol Williams. No apologies received. Minutes proposed and seconded. Carol reflected on her year as president. She said Socitm is clear on its purpose as a force for public good. She concluded saying she is looking forward to the year ahead.
2. Socitm CEO Nadira Hussain thanked Carol for her work along with all trustees for their dedication. She said she is looking forward to working with this year's incoming President Kurt Frary who will support Socitm's evolution.
3. Socitm finance director David Bryant provided a review of the past financial year highlighting the continued investment of Socitm reserves into the Institute. He explained the development of Socitm's institute aimed to bring in more revenue streams as it becomes more established. The meeting voted to accept the accounts. David then outlined the proposal as agreed by the Board that Cottons should be re-appointed as the auditors for a further year. This was approved by a vote of the members present at the meeting.
4. Nadira confirmed the elected officers for this year. Kurt Frary confirmed as President. Carol Williams as immediate past president. Yogita Popat and Kevin Taylor will continue as vice-presidents. She then welcomed two new vice-presidents in Alison Lincoln and Tony Colson.
5. Socitm President Kurt Frary thanked Carol for all her hard work in the last 12 months, helping us through a lot of change. Kurt talked about the state of the market environment. He said it needs Socitm more than ever to support officers in local government. He also paid tribute to the full attendance at conference and the need to build advocacy for Socitm. He told attendees to tell their colleagues and champion Socitm in their organisations.