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**The Minutes of the Devon Association of Governance AGM held on 9 November 2019
at County Hall, Exeter at 1.20 pm**

	Attendees	Representing
AW	Alex Walmsley	Chair
MW	Maria Wallace	Vice-chair
IR	Ian Rogers	Treasurer
JL	Jill Larcombe	Clerk to the Board
MD	Malcolm Dobbins	Board Member
EG	Elizabeth Groves	Board Member
AH	Adrian Hines	Associate Board Member
ES	Elizabeth Stubbs	Associate Board Member
CB	Christina Mabin	Ex-officio Board Member
JW	Jeremy Walden	Axe Valley Academy
CN	Clare Neale	Westcroft School
JE	James Ebsworthy	Westcroft School
1.	Welcome from the Chair Alex Walmsley AW welcomed everyone to the AGM.	
2.	Apologies Apologies were received from Amanda Blewett.	
3.	To agree the minutes of the DAG AGM held on 10th November 2018 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.	
4.	Chairman's Report 2018-19 AW referred to his report which had been published on the DAG website and included in the programme for the 2019 Conference, which preceded the AGM. He reminded those present of DAG's two roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide information and support to governors, trustees/directors, clerks and board secretaries. This is provided through the DAG website, news articles, newsletters, conferences and seminars; Representation. DAG provides governor representation on Devon Education Forum (DEF), Schools Finance Group (SFG), Schools Organisation, Capital and Admissions Group (SOCA), Devon Children and Families Partnership Education Advisory Group (DCFP EAG) etc. They take part in the financial consultation. 	

	<p>Governor representatives are robust in their challenge.</p> <p>There were no questions on the report.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive the accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2019</p> <p>AW explained that DAG is in the process of having a new website built and those costs are not in the accounts. The decision was made two years ago that DAG needed a new website: it is now being created and bills are coming in.</p> <p>It is DAG's decision how to use the money it has but there is no surety about the future funding for phase associations. At present the financial consultation consults on the small number of things that can be centrally funded, including DAG and the other phase associations. This could end in eighteen months' time and DAG would need to look at a subscription service, probably with DAPH and DASH.</p> <p>DAG has healthy reserves at the moment and would be able to continue for a year to eighteen months if funding stops..</p> <p>AW was asked how DAG was funded by academies and he explained that academies are top sliced in the same way that maintained schools are. The services that DAG provides are free to all governors, trustees/directors, clerks and board secretaries in the Devon LA area.</p> <p>The accounts were unanimously AGREED.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>To elect three Board Members for a three year term of office</p> <p>Nominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Butler • Malcolm Dobbins • Adrian Hines <p>The nominations were proposed by Maria Wallace and seconded by Elizabeth Groves. The nominees were ELECTED for a three year term of office.</p> <p>AW said DAG was keen to recruit additional joiners, initially probably as Associate Board Members who would be asked to be a DAG representative on a committee or group. Some articles in the newsletter are derived from these meetings. Anyone interested was asked to contact JL, Clerk to the Board. If they have any particular area of interest they should say.</p> <p>AW noted the work of Jill Larcombe, Clerk, Ian Rogers, Treasurer, who keeps the finances under control and Amanda Blewett, Website Communicator.</p> <p>AW thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 1.35 pm</p>