



## ACSW AGM 31st March 2007 55 Dean Street London W1

### Minutes

Mary Black (ACSW Chair) opened the meeting and explained the history of ACSW and the reasons why the association was set up. The Chair then introduced the first keynote speaker, Judith Collins, Teaching Fellow & BSL Coordinator, Durham University Language Centre. She spoke about "CSWs from a Deaf perspective".

The Chair then gave a report about what the interim committee had achieved to date. She then introduced the ACSW interim committee, who each gave a short introduction to their roles and aspirations for the future.

The Chair then brought some proposals:

#### Proposals:

**1. That for the duration of the meeting only, voting status is conferred on all present in the absence of any ACSW members.**

Seconded: Andy Owen.

All in favour: Show of hands.

Against: None.

**Passed by a show of hands.**

**2. That we ratify the draft ACSW Constitution and Standing Orders.**

Seconded: Paul Michaels.

All in favour: Show of hands.

Against: None.

**Passed by a show of hands.**

**3. That we ratify the interim committee as the duly voted committee, being Mary Black (Chair), Andy Owen (Secretary), Paul Michaels (Membership Secretary) and Vicky Nunn (Treasurer).**

Seconded: Vicky Nunn.

All in favour: Show of hands.

Against: None

**Passed by a show of hands.**

**4. That we ratify the draft ACSW Membership policy as shown at the AGM.**

Seconded: Andy Owen

All in favour: 20

Against: 6

**The motion was passed.**

**5. That we ratify the draft E Group policy.**

Seconded: Vicky Nunn.

All in favour: 34.

Against: 1.

Unsure: 3.

**The motion was passed.**

**6. That we ratify the draft Declaration of professional commitment.**

Seconded: Paul Michaels.

All in favour: 37.

Against: 1.

Unsure: 0.

**The motion was passed.**

**7. That we ratify the following interim regional representatives:**

Mike Doherty – N.West, Janice Daniels Day – E Anglia, William Docherty (Billy) – Scotland, Bridget Williams (Bridget) – South East.

Seconded: Vicky Nunn.

All in favour: Show of hands.

Against: 0.

Unsure: 0.

**Passed by a show of hands.**

The Chair then introduced the second keynote speaker, Nicki Harris, Deputy Head of Surrey Sensory Service and Head of the 16+ Service. She spoke about "The CSWs hidden curriculum". There were questions and answers, for both the keynote speakers and the ACSW committee.

The Chair then thanked everyone who had helped in the meeting, and flowers were presented. The special gift of a mug was presented to the delegate from the farthest away: Emma Dunleavy from Edinburgh.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who attended.

*Signed as the true minutes of the Association of Communication Support Workers' Annual General meeting 2007:*

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Signature .....

Witnessed by:

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