



QUSO Committee 2021/22 AGM Minutes

Location: McMordie Hall, Queen's University Belfast
Date: Tuesday 26th April 2022
Time: 18:00
Attendees: Adam McCambridge Apologies: Katie Lyons
 Colm Mohan
 James Magrath
 Maebh Martin
 Matthew Toal
 Tara Mulvey

Other attendees: QUSO members

Agenda Items

1. Introductions & Welcome.
2. 2021/22 Committee Member Reports.
3. QUSO Constitution Proposal.
4. New Committee Appointments (2022/23).
5. Questions and Feedback Session.

Item 1 – Introductions and Welcome

AMcC began the meeting with introductions of the entire 2021/22 QUSO Committee and broke down the structure of the AGM.

Item 2 – 2021/22 Committee Member Reports

QUSO Committee Members presented their individual reports to the attendees in the following order:

1. TM;
2. JM;
3. CM;
4. MM;
5. MT;
6. TM on behalf of KL (in addition of discussion of Development Week).

In his report, JM and AMcC explained that the QUSO Committee (particularly JM and AMcC) had applied to the National Lottery Application, then explained why it was not feasible in these particular circumstances (including extensive detail required in application).

Item 3 – QUSO Constitution Proposal

AMcC requested that all QUSO attendees scan a QR code in order to read the proposed Constitution as drafted majoritively by AMcC and TM, and to subsequently submit questions and suggestions.

- JM raises the issue of what may happen in the event that QUSO dissolves or the current treasurer (currently JM, who holds the current Revolut account for QUSO), asking where any of QUSO's money will go.
- MT suggests that QUB graduates should be recognised as "Graduate Members" as opposed to "Associate Members".
- MM suggests changing "students" in QUSO's mission statements to "musicians".

Item 4 – New Committee Appointments (2022/23)

AMcC announced new committee members for the 2022/23 season, which are as follows:

1. Adam McCambridge – conductor and chairperson.
2. Maebh Martin – conductor.
3. Matthew Toal – general manager.
4. Tara Mulvey – tour manager.
5. James Magrath – treasurer.
6. Jason Poots – secretary.
7. Niamh Keeney – fundraising co-ordinator.
8. Fionn McArdle – social media and events officer.
9. John Watson – librarian.
10. Matthew James Lam – librarian.

Item 5 – Questions and Feedback Session

QUSO Attendees were given the opportunity to voice any questions and provide feedback to the 2021/22 season Committee. The following was raised:

- Peter Terek asked about the next season's structure regarding seating auditions. AMcC responded, explaining that leader's auditions will be held and potentially front desk auditions. There is no plan to audition strings, and in the event of over-subscription it may be necessary to audition wind and brass.
- It was established that Committee handover begins after 2022 Summer Tour.
- MT asks Attendees what the wind and brass players' opinions were regarding their seating auditions for the 2021/22 season. Fionn McArdle explained that he would have preferred to have been assigned a specific seat rather than a section.
- Matthew James Lam asked about what would happen in the event that a successful committee applicant is unsuccessful in their orchestra audition. Committee expresses lack of certainty and explained that this would be addressed at a future date.



- Jason Poots asked about any new projects planned for the future. TM proposed her schools' outreach project for local secondary school students.
- AMcC discussed the possibility of becoming a departmental ensemble, working with tutors up to 3 times per semester.
- MT suggests the idea of a concert with local primary schools, in addition to the possibility of loaning out players to local schools, developing the musical experience for students.
- Jason Poots suggests an increase of playing chamber music. AMcC mentions QUSOQ, an idea for a string quartet and chamber music.
- TM discusses open days as a possibility of expanding outreach.
- AMcC briefly explains the aims of next year, touching on the point of raising more money to increase opportunity for the orchestra.

AMcC gives a note from the Chairperson to conclude the meeting. All attendees finished the Annual General Meeting with coffee and cake.