

British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA)

Annual Meeting 2025 Notice and agenda

Annual Meeting convened pursuant to and governed according to the provisions of the Constitution of the British Accounting and Finance Association

Date and time: Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at 14:00

Location: Ulster University, Belfast and online (See conference programme for full physical/virtual address).

1. a Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Please note that the minutes are available for download from the BAFA website. They will not be distributed in hard copy ahead of or at the meeting. <https://bafa.ac.uk/about/records/agm-minutes.html>

Consider the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in person and online on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, at the Richmond Building LT1 of the University of Portsmouth; and vote on a resolution to accept those minutes (if pertinent, as amended by the meeting resolution).

1. b Minutes of the Extraordinary Annual General Meeting

Consider the minutes of the Extraordinary Annual General Meeting held online on Thursday 4th July 2024 and vote on a resolution to accept those minutes (if pertinent, as amended by the meeting resolution).

2. Matters arising

3. Trustees' report and accounts

Please note that the report and accounts will be available for download from the BAFA website in advance of the meeting. They will not be distributed in hard copy ahead of or at the meeting. <https://bafa.ac.uk/about/records/reports-and-accounts.html>

Receive the annual report of the trustees and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

4. BAFA's transition from unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and related constitutional amendments

Discussion and vote on a resolution to authorise the Trustees to continue to investigate and take professional advice upon the following and report to the membership:

- (i) transition of BAFA's legal structure from unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO);
- (ii) drafting resolutions to make necessary associated changes to the BAFA Constitution; and
- (iii) drafting resolutions to make other amendments to the BAFA Constitution which, in the view of the Trustees, *prima facie* are desirable.

[BAFA Incorporation and Constitutional Amendment Resolution](#)

[BAFA QA Relating to BAFA Incorporation and Constitutional Amendments Resolution](#)

5. Appointment of independent examiner

Vote on a resolution to re-appoint Neil Hitchings of Francis Clark Chartered Accountants as Independent Examiner to examine the BAFA accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025 and to report to the next Annual Meeting.

6. Equality, diversity and inclusion

Please note that a document on BAFA's policy and its implementation is available for download from the BAFA website. It will not be distributed in hard copy ahead of or at the meeting. [BAFA-equality-diversity-inclusion-policy-implementation-March-2025](#)

7. Appointment of Non-Executive Trustees of BAFA

Please note that information (or links to information) on those nominated for election as trustee is provided below.

Vote on the election for **two** Non-Executive Trustees of BAFA for a period of two years from 1st May 2025: Ian Crawford and Greg Stoner.

8. Any other business

Please inform the President or the General Secretary as far ahead of the meeting as possible if you wish to raise issue(s) under any other business that is likely to occupy the meeting for more than a few minutes.

1. Candidate for BAFA Non-Executive Trustee:

Professor Ian Crawford

Professor of Accounting, School of Management, University of Bath, BATH, BA2 7AY.

I wish to use my experience to help guide and oversee the strategic direction of BAFA going forward.

I have been involved with BAFA for a number of years and served as a co-opted member of CDAF from 2019 to 2020 and as General Secretary and Executive Trustee of BAFA from 2020 to 2023. I have a strong belief in the value of BAFA as a forum for the promotion of research and teaching in accounting and finance and see it as a valuable vehicle for the expression and support of the interests of its members. The Association continues to expand its reach and grow its range of activities and interests, and I believe that I could contribute to the oversight and leadership of what is a vibrant and diverse Association.

I have over 30 years of experience in accounting both in practice and in the academic world, so I feel I have a sound understanding of both aspects of the profession. I am very familiar with the activities of BAFA, its processes and Constitution and, as such, I believe I can serve the Association and its objectives judiciously and with integrity.

2. Candidate for BAFA Non-Executive Trustee:

Professor Greg Stoner

Professor of Accounting, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G11 6EY

I am interested in becoming a non-executive trustee of BAFA following standing down from being Chair of the BAFA Accounting Education SIG, and therefore from the main BAFA Executive Board, in May 2024. I have a strong affinity for the objectives of BAFA and for the continued good management of the organisation: an organisation I have been involved with since 1984 (as AUTA).

Throughout my period on the BAFA Exec. I was an active participant in meetings and in other developments (including consultations on Web presence, the treasure role, and in supporting the signing

of DORA). I have also been very active in leading and supporting educational developments and discussions: including serving on the QAA benchmarking group in 2014 and as Vice-Chair in 2023/25, and co-organising the joint FRC/BAFA sustainability in education conference (2023). I remain very actively involved in the activities of the Accounting Education SIG.

As a non-executive trustee I can continue to the good governance of BAFA as I have a broad and deep knowledge of BAFA and the UK and international accounting and finance academy. I also have skills in leadership and management (developed in university management and association leadership), will be a critical and supportive member of the Board of Trustees and contribute positively to the activities and functioning of BAFA.