British Islands and Mediterranean Region Annual General Meeting

The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee that the British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wednesday 28 May 2014 and to provide Members with an opportunity to discuss the Agenda in advance of the AGM.

Background

The CPA BIMR AGM will take place at 3.30pm on Wednesday 28 May 2014 during the 44th Regional Annual Conference hosted by CPA Wales Branch at the Senedd in Cardiff.

The AGM will be chaired by the BIMR Senior Regional Representative, Deputy Mike O'Hara (Guernsey). Hon. Carmelo Abela MP (Malta Branch), Dr Roberta Blackman Woods MP (UK Branch), together with the Regional CWP Representative, Patricia Ferguson MSP (Scotland Branch) will support Deputy O'Hara and provide updates as required throughout the meeting and will also have the opportunity to address delegates under agenda item 6. The Rt Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst MP, CPA Chairperson will also address delegates.

Agenda

The agenda seems relatively straightforward. The draft agenda for the AGM is attached at Annex A. Members may find the following information useful.

Agenda item 3: Minutes of Regional AGM 13 February 2013 – Paper 01.

The minutes of the previous AGM which took place on Wednesday 13 February 2013 in the Falkland Islands are attached at Annex B.

Agenda item 4: Matters arising, including ratification of the status quo for funding of CPA BIMR Conferences.

Delegates will be asked to ratify the status quo for funding of CPA BIMR Conferences. The current position is that the host branch pays for accommodation and provides hospitality.
Agenda item 5: Standing Item: EU – Commonwealth Activities and Issues.

This item has been a standing item on the agenda since 2004. This standing item provides Malta and Cyprus with an opportunity to raise matters which may not directly affect other Branches given that Malta and Cyprus and the UK are the only Branches with full representation within the EU.

Agenda item 6: Reports

Various reports will be considered as outlined on the Agenda. The CPA Scotland Branch report will be submitted by 20 May 2014. The BIMRCWP Conference report (Paper 02) will follow.

Agenda item 7: Proposed amendment to BIMR Constitution establishing an annual CPA BIMR CWP Conference – Paper 03.

A copy of Paper 03 is attached at Annex C

Re – naming of the BIMR.

Members will recall that the Regional Secretary contacted Branches at the end of March 2014 to gauge what support there might be, if any, for changing the name of the region. Following feedback from Branches within the region, this matter will not now be discussed at the AGM in Cardiff. The majority of Branches were in favour of retaining the status quo.

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