1. Introduction

This extraordinary General Assembly vote was conducted virtually and was required to:

a. amend the CHS Alliance’s Statutes to include the possibility to recruit an independent candidate to serve as Chair of the Board (amendment of article 21 of the Statutes);
b. extend John Beverley, the current Treasurer tenure until no later than 31 December 2022 in order to ensure a smooth transition with the future treasurer.

The vote was open to eligible full members – i.e. full members with good financial standing at the time of the vote – from 9 to 13 November 2020. The voting platform used was Simplyvoting which ensured we could check that a quorum is reached and that organisations only vote once.

2. Results of the voting

Total number of voters was 54, which is 61.4% of the eligible full members, whose number was 88. Therefore, the quorum of 40% was reached. The two proposed motions passed with the following results:

motion 1 – amendment of article 21 of the Statutes
in favour of the changes: 95.9% (of non-abstaining voters)
against the changes: 4.1% (of non-abstaining voters)
voters abstaining: 9.3%

motion 2 – extension of the Treasurer’s tenure
in favour of the extension of mandate: 93.9% (of non-abstaining voters)
against the extension of mandate: 6.1% (of non-abstaining voters)
voters abstaining: 9.3%

3. Chair recruitment process and upcoming Board elections

Chair recruitment:
Following the acceptance of Statutes’ change, the Secretariat will advertise for the position of Chair of the Board (from 16 November to 31 December). The recruitment process will be led by a sub-committee of the Board. Candidate/s selected by the Board will be then presented for election by the General Assembly during the next Board elections which will be held in March 2021.

Board elections - March 2021:
The call for nominations to fulfil the eight vacant seats for next Board elections will be sent in the first week of December.

Robert Sweatman
Interim Chair

Matthew Carter
Board member

Hélène Maillet
Minutes taker