

Record attendance at AGM

The 1997/98 Annual General Meeting (AGM) drew a record turnout of over 70 members, fully vindicating the Executive Committee's decision to combine the AGM with an Embassy Briefing.

This year's AGM saw the end of Mark Gunton's term as General Secretary and once again, Mark did an excellent job with a comprehensive Agenda. The first item was a vote on the revised RGBB Constitution which was unanimously carried. John Freel presented the Chairman's Annual Report, highlighting the significant progress made by the RGBB during the past year, then Kevin O'Brien presented the Treasurer's Report. This was followed by the election of the Executive Committee, which resulted in the following members being elected:

Paul Dugan
Sandy Flockhart
John H. Freel
Geoff Hopkins
Roy James
Kevin O'Brien

Michael J. Parkhouse
Douglas Read

Sandy Flockhart and Geoff Hopkins are newly elected members, the other six members being re-elected.

In addition, with the adoption of the new Constitution, there are now two ex-officio positions on the Committee - the Embassy Representative (Richard Northern) and the Chairman of the BDSC (John Jackson).

The final item on the Agenda was a lively and very interesting presentation on the Internet by Ian Maddison and Noel O'Donnell, which involved a demonstration of the forthcoming launch of the RGBB website.

Following the AGM, a ballot was held within the newly-elected Executive Committee for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman, which resulted in both John H. Freel and Paul Dugan, respectively, being re-elected.

Editor's Ramble

I'm pleased to be able to introduce another great edition of the RGBB newsletter. Thanks to all our contributors, who have scribbled mightily, this is another bumper edition.

I'm pleased to announce that Colin Roy of British Airways is going to contribute a regular column of news which I'm sure will be of

interest to those of you planning holidays. I'm also pleased that advertisers are beginning to realise what a great vehicle the RGBB News is.

Finally Alison Chartres is going on to bigger things. She did a great job on this issue and we'll miss her enthusiasm. Thanks goodbye and good luck Alison.

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