

SUBMITTING MOTIONS TO BASW'S 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
A GUIDANCE NOTE FOR MEMBERS

BASW's rescheduled Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be taking place in Birmingham on 15th September 2020. The AGM provides members with an opportunity to influence the future of BASW and social work by submitting motions.

What is a Motion/Resolution?

A resolution or motion is something that proposes a particular position and/or form of action.

Resolutions/motions can be "put" to members at an AGM (or indeed any general meeting of members); this means that those members attending that meeting have an opportunity to debate and vote upon the contents of that resolution/motion. An Ordinary Motion needs more than 50% of those attending the AGM to vote in favour for the motion to be carried.

What is the deadline for submitting Motions to the AGM?

To be considered at the AGM, motions have to be submitted to BASW's head office by specific deadlines. The deadlines for the 2020 AGM are set out below:-

Ordinary Motions ***19/6/2020***

***Proposed amendments to
Ordinary Motions*** ***21/8/2020***

Who can submit Resolutions to the AGM?

A resolution can be put forward by the following:-

- A proposer and seconder and signed by 18 full voting BASW members
- One of BASW's Standing Committees or National Standing Committees
- A branch

How should a Resolution be worded?

This depends upon what those proposing the motion want to achieve. But often motions begin:

"This AGM notes:....."

Those words are then followed by some background to the motion – explaining what it is about.

The motion will often then go on to identify what action the proposers of the motion want from BASW – for example:

“Accordingly, this AGM agrees that BASW will:

Xxxx

Xxxx

Xxxx

Xxxx”

If you require any further information on submitting motions please email:
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