

**Scotland's Colleges Finance Managers
Community of Practice
Annual General Meeting**

1. Present: Marlene Anderson, Jackie Robertson, David Alexander, Jim Godfrey, Pete Smith, Stuart Thompson, Jim Wilson, Ben McLeish, Lesley Aird, Alastair Milloy, Anne Law.

2. Constitution:

It was decided that the nature of the constitution would be better discussed at the next event in September 2009 when it could be debated by the full membership of the Community of Practice.

3. Chair's Report:

David summarised the year past for the new Community of Practice. He considered this to have been a transition year as the Finance Managers become integrated into the CoP system of Scotland's Colleges. He indicated that the SC website could be used more effectively for communication amongst Finance Managers. Also, that additional Funding Council monies are available to undertake action learning projects and these projects are currently being identified. There is now regular liaison with the Principals' Convention, APUC and the SFC and the steering group of the Community of Practice.

4. Finance Report

Taking the sponsorship for the conference into consideration it's likely that the conference will break even in terms of costs to the central account. It's possible that a project might emerge in the coming year for which the monies in the bank account could be used.

5. Election of Chair

Jim Godfrey of Dumfries and Galloway College has been nominated by the membership to be the new Chair of the Community of Practice.

Jim went on to thank David Alexander for his work for the Finance Managers as he leaves the sector to take up a new post in South Ayrshire Council.

Jim thanked the steering group for their support and detailed the stakeholders, such as APUC, Audit Scotland and SFC, with whom they have helped develop sound relationships.