Cymdeithas Seneddol y Gymanwlad
Senedd Cymru
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Welsh Parliament

Minutes of the Senedd Branch
Annual General Meeting
1 July 2026

Welcome
Manon Bonner, the Branch Secretary, welcomed those present and opened the General Meeting.

1. Minutes of Last AGM Meeting held on 4 March 2026

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Any Urgent Business

There was no urgent business

4. Elections:

Branch Executive Committee

Sarah Rees MS and **Matthew Jones MS** were nominated by the Plaid Cymru Group
Natasha Asghar MS and **Sam Rowlands MS** were nominated by the Welsh Conservatives Group,
Shav Taj MS and **Huw Thomas MS** were nominated by the Welsh Labour Group, and
Helen Jenner MS and **Iain McIntosh MS** were nominated by the Reform UK Senedd Group.

Secretariat
As per the constitution, Chief Executive and Clerk Manon Bonner would continue to serve as Secretary to the Branch.
Al Davies would continue to oversee the day to day running of the Branch and its meetings as the Acting Branch Secretary.

Chair
The Branch Secretary noted that **The Llywydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS,** had agreed to serve as Chair of the Branch and invited him to continue the meeting.

5. Closing

The Chair stated that, as this was the first CPA Meeting of the Seventh Senedd, he wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to state, specifically for the benefits of newly elected Members, that ALL Members were members of our CPA Branch. He therefore encouraged Members to engage with the work of the CPA, as an important international network, with many of the opportunities targeted specifically towards recently elected parliamentarians.

The Chair noted that the work of our Branch had already begun with a Senedd delegation having recently represented Wales at the Regional Conference in Gibraltar a fortnight ago.

This would be an important Senedd term for our Membership of the CPA, one which sees Wales take a seat on the International Executive Committee and which promises numerous opportunities to showcase our Senedd at home and abroad.

The Chair ended the meeting by stating that the Branch Secretariat would be contacting all Members shortly to seek expressions of interest in representing the Senedd on the Steering committees of some of the CPA's Networks; including the LGBT+ Parliamentarians as well as the Parliamentarians with Disabilities Networks.

The Chair looked forward to the first formal Branch Executive Committee Meeting, which would take the following week.

6. Attendance:

Senedd Branch Members

1 Llywydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS (Branch President and Chair)
2 Kerry Ferguson MS (Branch Vice-President)
3 Natasha Asghar MS
4 Stephen Senior MS
5 Sarah Rees MS
6 Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
7 Matthew Jones MS
8 Huw Thomas MS
9 Gaz Thomas MS
10 Beca Brown MS
11 Gwyn Williams MS
12 John Clark MS
13 Elfed Williams MS
14 Shav Taj MS

Branch Secretariat:
Manon Antoniazzi, Branch Secretary, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Senedd
Al Davies, Acting Branch Secretary,

Observing – Llywydd's Private Office
Gwion Evans
Elin Sutton
Bea Young

CPA Wales Branch Secretariat
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