



January 2026 Guild Board Meeting Member Summary

Monday 26th January 2026 1pm

Zoom

This member summary excludes commercially sensitive topics.

Attendance

Present

Jonny Garrett (Chair), Charlotte Turner, Christian Gott, Michael Clarke, Phil Mellows, Rachel Auty, Robyn Black, Rose Davies, Mike Hampshire (Secretary)

Apologies

Myles Pinfold

Declarations of Interest

Charlotte Turner (St Austell), Robyn Black (Fleet Street), Rose Davies (Shepherd Neame)

Action from Previous Meeting

Previous meeting actions were discussed and updated accordingly.

Previous Minutes

Matters arising were discussed and the minutes were approved.

Board

Secretary Role

JG proposed a pay increase for MH, the board agreed. The board requested in addition MH be asked if he would accept a contract amendment changing the notice period from one to three months.

Guild Ambassadors

JG proposed the creation of Ambassadors who could champion the Guild in their region. The board agreed.

International Networks

The board agreed to proposals from PM that would see reciprocal relationships with similar bodies outside Britain.

Awards

The board agreed to a proposal to sign a two-year contract with Tipple, with 2026 awards remaining at Big Penny and a new venue to be explored for 2027.

Membership

Individual membership stands at 264 with 51 complimentary.

All industry partners are paid up and have been asked to review their Guild website listing.

Any Other Business

Zythophile

Martyn Cornell's Zythophile website has not been renewed and is offline. The board agreed to help restore the website.

Academic Newsletters

A newsletter sharing academic research with Guild members will be launched soon.