

AAIA is a voluntary, non-profit making organisation that began 32 years ago. All of its Executive officers are volunteers who have served diligently in various capacities for a considerable time and now need to retire. Regrettably, no volunteers from the membership have come forward to take their place despite repeated pleas over a significant number of years.

This means that AAIA ceases to exist as currently structured and managed from October 2022. The AGM in October 2021 endorsed a plan to enable a final opportunity for a solution to this predicament to be found. Amongst other things, it was agreed that those with a current membership as of 8th October 2021 should remain members until October 2022 free of charge whilst alternative strategies to save AAIA in some form, virtual or otherwise, are explored. The Executive officers have volunteered to stay on during this period to provide continuing support for members and opportunities for essential discussions to take place.

Also it will mean that regional groups have time to think seriously and carefully about their future and will spend time with their regional representative determining what this may look like.

I would like to thank my Executive colleagues, regional representatives and members, many of whom have faithfully renewed their membership many times over the years, for their support and selfless hard work, loyalty and dedication to an organisation in whose principles they continue to believe wholeheartedly.

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