

THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Friday 10 July 2009

4.00 pm, Arts 2.16, University of East Anglia

Present: Rachel Carter (minutes), Rachel Cooper, Dorothy Edgington, Phil Joyce, Mark Kalderon, Mike Martin (chair), Lucy O'Brien, Catherine Osborne (UEA)

Apologies: Simon Blackburn, Quassim Cassam, Barry Dainton, Andrew Chitty, Jennifer Saul, Scott Sturgeon, Suzanne Uniacke, Alan Weir

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were recorded as correct.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

2. Accounts

Audited accounts for the last year and the cash assets as of the end of June were presented and approved.

Lucy O'Brien reported the Society's bank balances and assets as at July 1st 2009. The Society had made a loss of just over £9000 in 2008, though its net assets had only decreased by £5000.

Lucy noted that in 2009 the Society had been paid for the first time by JSTOR, and this income could be expected to grow in the future. Printing costs were also up on the previous year, which had only included the cost of printing the Supplementary Volume, and not the Proceedings as well. The rent had increased significantly, but would not increase further this financial year.

3. Subscriptions

Members noted the subscription numbers for 2003-2009. Publication subscriptions were declining, but there had been an increase in non-publication subscriptions, especially the new category of life membership.

The subscription numbers were as follows:

2009 membership are 247 non-publication members (153 of which life), 347 publication members, 24 honorary members; giving a total of 618.]

It was suggested that perhaps the non-publication membership could be raised to £10-15, but it was thought this would not seriously alter the bottom-line, and may only serve to erode the membership total further.

The subscription rates recommended by the Executive Committee were approved, with no change from last year.

Rachel Carter reported that the Society has a Facebook presence that has so far attracted approx 100 'fans'.

Paper mailings of bulletins were acknowledged as expensive and possibly redundant given the ubiquity of email.

It was suggested that the Society consider moving towards non-financial relationships with members.

It was suggested that the Society consider introducing arrangements to offer members the possibility of opting-out of paper mailings and receiving only email bulletins.

4. President for 2010/11

The Council's nomination of Professor Quassim Cassam was

accepted. Professor Marie McGinn had agreed to serve for 2010-11.

Date of the next meeting

4 pm, Friday July 9th 2010, University College Dublin.

5. Officers for 2009/10

The President would be Professor Simon Blackburn, confirmed at the last AGM.

The following were accepted:

Honorary Director: Lucy O'Brien

Editor: Mark Kalderon

Executive Committee Members:

Andrew Chitty

Barry Dainton

Alan Weir

Beatrice Han-Pile

Simon Kirchin

Helen Steward

Nominations for replacements for those members coming to the end of their term in the 2008/9 year would be considered at the October meeting of the Executive Committee.

6. Any Other Business

(i) Change of Executive Secretary

Rachel Carter, the outgoing Executive Secretary, was thanked for her service.

Phil Joyce, the incoming Executive Administrator, was introduced to the Committee.

(ii) Bank Mandate: Authorisation for New Signatory to HSBC and CAF Accounts

It was recommended that Phil Joyce become a signatory on the Society's HSBC and CAF accounts.

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.