



The Arts Society Oxford

The Arts Society Member No. 349

Registered Charity No. 1175875

Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting of

The Arts Society Oxford

held on Wednesday 11 September 2019, at 10.30am

at The Mathematical Faculty, Oxford

Present:

The Trustees:

Sarah Whiteley, Chairman
Julian Bagwell, Treasurer
Pam Eyton, Secretary
Kate Nileswhar, Lecture Programme
Jake Piper, Projects
Celia Robinson, Vice Chair and Community Arts Projects
Stephanie North, Study Days

Wyvern District Chairman: Susan Williams

229 Members

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members and Susan Williams, Chairman of Wyvern Area. She confirmed that due notice of the AGM had been given and that the meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following Trustees: Chris Milford, Membership Secretary.

Apologies had been received from 19 members.

2. Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting held on 4 September 2018

The minutes had been previously circulated to all members of the Society. One amendment was noted by the chair; Society income was just under £44,000 (not £4,000). With this amendment the minutes were agreed unanimously as a true record.

Proposed by: Ian Battersby Seconded by: Colin Redman

3. To receive and approve the Report of the Committee

A copy of the report that had been circulated to members prior to the meeting was presented by the Chair.

The Chair thanked the following Trustees for their hard work over the past year and who were stepping down: Chris Milford (Membership Secretary), Julian Bagwell (Treasurer), Jake Piper (Governance), Kate Nileswhar (Lecture Programme), John Sampson (CAP chair), and Carol Brownson (AM volunteer organiser).



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The Chair also thanked the Visits Group for a very varied programme they had arranged for last year, Celia Robinson for stepping up to chair CAP and all other volunteers who work hard to maintain a very active society.

There was one addendum to the report – The Duke of Buccleuch, who owns Boughton House, has kindly donated our entry fees to an arts charity, Keiskamma Art Project based in Eastern Cape, South Africa which will be recorded as an addition £1,000 of charitable giving for the year.

The report was approved and agreed unanimously.

4. To receive the Annual Accounts as per 30 June 2019

A copy of the Financial Statements had been circulated prior to the meeting. It has been examined by an external financial examiner and created by SPX, Kay Ward who has signed it as an accurate record of the society's finances for the year ended 30 June 2019.

The Treasurer reported that it had been a good year for the Society with just over £48,000 income and Charitable Giving increased substantially to just over £10,000 whilst still maintaining reserves at half annual outgoings.

Governance costs were to increase by just over £2,500 due to the appointment of the company SPX to manage our finances.

The adoption of the annual accounts was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by: Celia Robinson, Seconded by Kate Lack.

5. To elect Trustees (including officers)

The Chair asked Susan Williams to chair the elections. Susan Williams thanked the Chair for being invited to attend and the Trustees for all their work.

Susan Williams asked the members to vote for the election of the Officers individually and the remaining Trustees on block. The following were elected unanimously.

Officers:

Chairman	Sarah Whiteley	Proposer: Kate Lack Secunder: Stephanie North
Vice Chairman	Hilary Reid-Evans	Proposer: Sarah Whiteley Secunder: Celia Robinson
Treasurer	Ian Battersby	Proposer: Julian Bagwell Secunder: Sarah Whiteley
Secretary	Pam Eyton	Proposer: Sarah Whiteley Secunder: Megan Price
Others:		
Member (Community Arts Projects)	Celia Robinson	Proposer: Anne Lloyd Secunder: Marianne O'Connor
Member	Stephanie North	Proposer: Felicity Wood



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(Study Days)

Member

Diana Gordon

Seconder: Helen Cadoux-Hudson

Proposer: Chris Milford

(Membership Secretary)

Member

Ann McIlhinney

Seconder: John Rowe

Proposer: Kate Nileswhar

(Lectures)

Member (Visits)

Megan Price

Seconder: Jake Piper

Proposer: Colin Redman

Seconder: Pam Eyton

The Chair thanked members for electing her and fellow trustees and said she looked forward to working with them to serve the members. She also thanked Susan Williams for chairing the elections.

6. To appoint a Financial Examiner of the Accounts for the ensuing year

It was proposed to SPX to manage the accounts for the forthcoming year and Sheila Parry as associate of SPX to do the independent examination. The Chair thanked Kay Ward for all her work in previous years. This was agreed unanimously.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance.

Kate Lack thanked the Officers and Trustees for all their hard work last year.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.