



The Arts Society Oxford

The Arts Society Member No. 349

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Arts Society Oxford held on Thursday 17 September 2020, at 10 am Online via Zoom Webinar

The Trustees: Sarah Whiteley, Chair
Hilary Reid Evans, Vice Chair
Allan Taylor, Treasurer
Pam Eyton, Secretary
Ann McIlhinney, Lecture Programme
Celia Robinson, Community Arts Projects
Stephanie North, Study Days
Diana Gordon, Membership Secretary

Present on Zoom Webinar: 72

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all members. She confirmed that due notice of the AGM had been given and that the meeting was quorate.

Voting had taken place online, due to the exceptional circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic. 148 members had cast their votes.

Members were required to provide their name and email address as part of the voting process, for validation purposes.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from 3 members.

2. Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting held on 11 September 2019

The minutes had been previously circulated to all members of the Society. The minutes were agreed unanimously as a true record via the Voting Form.

3. To receive and accept the Report of the Trustees

The report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, and was accepted unanimously via online votes.

The Chair highlighted certain aspects of the Report. She thanked all trustees for the additional work they had undertaken as a result of the Covid Restrictions and in particular those involved in learning new skills to support the additional online activities TASO has and will continue to offer our members whilst the restrictions apply. All aspects of Society life had been affected, but the teams of volunteers had continued to look at ways of engaging members.

The Programme Organisers had worked hard to ensure all forthcoming lectures could be delivered online if necessary. The Study Day group were looking at an alternative style of delivery. The Visits team considered ways of small groups meeting safely



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where permissible. It was also hoped that applications for financial support via Community Arts Projects would pick up this autumn, after a very successful year of charitable support for projects in 2019/20.

The Chair thanked the following members who were stepping down after many years' service with TASO:

Liz Rhodes, a founding member of TASO, previous Secretary and Church Recording group Leader.

Colin Redman, previous Membership Secretary, Chair and Visits Group Leader, who over the past two years has built an enthusiastic team and varied programme.

Looking forward, the Chair thanked members for their support by renewing their membership, and welcomed in excess of 60 new members who had joined over the summer. The Trustees planned an online "Welcome" activity for the Autumn.

4. To receive and accept the Annual Accounts as per 30 June 2020

A copy of the Financial Statements, including the annual accounts, had been circulated prior to the meeting and accepted unanimously via online voting. These had been signed off by the independent financial examiner.

The Treasurer reported that TASO starts the new Society year financially strong. He thanked Magdalen College and the University for not requesting payment for the facilities which were booked but then had to be cancelled due to Covid.

5. To elect Trustees (including officers)

The results on the online Voting Form, based on 148 votes, are as follows:

Officers:

Chairman	Sarah Whiteley	Proposer: Kate Lack	147 For, 1 Against
		Seconder: Theresa Thompson	
Vice Chairman	Hilary Reid-Evans	Proposer: Sarah Whiteley	148 For
		Seconder: Stephanie North	
Treasurer	Allan Taylor	Proposer: Pam Eyton	148 For
		Seconder: Celia Robinson	
Secretary	Pam Eyton	Proposer: Carol Brownson	147 For, 1 Against
		Seconder: Jill James	



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Others:

Member (Community Arts Projects)	Celia Robinson	Proposer: Kate Lack	148 For
		Seconder: Trish Hedges	
Member (Study Days)	Stephanie North	Proposer: Felicity Wood	148 For
		Seconder: Helen Cadoux- Hudson	
Member (Membership Secretary)	Diana Gordon	Proposer: Annewen Rowe	148 For
		Seconder: John Rowe	
Member (Lecture Programme)	Ann McIlhinney	Proposer: Penny Stern	148 For
		Seconder: David Stern	
Member	Carol Brownson	Proposer: Ann McIlhinney	148 For
		Seconder: Jake Piper	

The Chair thanked members for electing her and fellow trustees. She welcomed Carol Brownson as an addition to the Board, and said she looked forward to working with all the trustees to serve the member in the coming year.

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

It was agreed that Sheila Parry of SPX would undertake the independent examination for 2020/21. This was agreed unanimously via the Voting Form.

7. Any Other Business

No additional communications were received from the members.

The meeting closed at 10.22am.