



The Arts Society Oxford
The Arts Society Member No. 349
Registered Charity No. 1175875

DRAFT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of

The Arts Society Oxford

held on Wednesday 15 September 2021, at 10.30 am

Online via Zoom Webinar

The Trustees: Sarah Whiteley, Chair
Hilary Reid Evans, Vice Chair
David Barron, Treasurer (co-opted)
Pam Eyton, Secretary
Ann McIlhinney, Lecture Programme
Celia Robinson, Community Arts Projects
Julia Reece, Study Days (co-opted)
Diana Gordon, Membership Secretary (retired)
Carol Brownson
Alison Madden, Visits (co-opted)

Present on Zoom Webinar: 104

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. 249 members had cast their votes.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from 14 members.

2. Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held on 17 September 2020

The minutes had been previously circulated to all members of the Society. No questions/queries were received, and they were therefore approved as an accurate record.

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

3. To receive and accept the Report of the Trustees

The Report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, and was accepted by an overwhelming majority via online votes.

The Chair highlighted certain aspects of the Report. She thanked all members who had voiced their appreciation and thanks to the trustees throughout the year, and commented that we still maintained a full capacity membership.



Sarah thanked all the trustees for their support and hard work, and specifically those who were stepping down, or had retired, from their current roles: Ann McIlhinney, Kate Nileswhar, Stephanie North and team, Celia Robinson, Diana Gordon, Hilary Reid Evans, Allan Taylor and Pam Eyton.

Sarah then confirmed her stepping down from the role of Chair and added her personal thanks to members and trustees alike.

4. To receive and accept the Annual Accounts as per 30 June 2021

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

David thanked Allan Taylor for his help during the transition period. David reported, on Allan's behalf, that the unusually large surplus TASO currently holds was largely due to not having to pay venue costs for the year. The excess of reserves (we should normally hold only six months' worth of expenditure) will be discussed by the incoming trustees. TASO has provided, free of charge to members, a number of lectures and a study day as a way of reducing the excess.

5. To elect Trustees (including officers)

The results on the online Voting Form, based on 249 votes, are as follows:

Officers:

Chairman	Ann McIlhinney	Proposer: Catherine Nileswhar Secunder: Hilary Reid Evans	248 For, 1 Against
Treasurer	David Barron	Proposer: Hilary Reid Evans Secunder: Ann McIlhinney	247 For, 2 Against
Secretary	Ruth Burdett	Proposer: Pam Eyton Secunder: Laurie Hedges	248 For, 1 Against

Others:

Member (Study Days)	Julia Reece	Proposer: Alison Madden Secunder: Richard Mark Gardiner	249 For
Member (Lecture Programme)	David Stern	Proposer: Ann Edmunds Secunder: Ann McIlhinney	249 For
Member (Visits)	Alison Madden	Proposer: Sarah Whiteley Secunder: Carol Brownson	249 For
Member	Carol Brownson	Proposer: Jake Piper Secunder: Pam Eyton	249 For
Member	Hilary Reid Evans	Proposer: Ann McIlhinney Secunder: Celia Robinson	249 For

The Chair welcomed the new Board of Trustees and wished the Society an enjoyable and successful year.



The Arts Society Oxford
The Arts Society Member No. 349
Registered Charity No. 1175875

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 2021/22. This was agreed unanimously via the Voting Form.

7. Any other business

No additional communications were received from the members.

The meeting closed at 10.49am.

DRAFT