



Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies

**Notice of Annual General Meeting
Saturday 11th June 2016**

Room G22/26, Senate House

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1.00 pm Buffet Lunch (reservation slip enclosed)

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2.00 pm Professor Edith Hall, 'Master of those who know: a Celebration of Aristotle's 2400th birthday'.

3.30 pm Tea

4.00 pm Annual General Meeting
President Professor Robert Fowler (Chair)

1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. Report on the Hellenic Society's Activities 2015-2016
3. Adoption of the 2015 Accounts
4. Subscriptions: The Council of the Society proposes that membership rates for 2017 remain the same.
5. Election of Society Officers, Council Members, Hon. Members and Auditors - the Council of the Society wishes to nominate:
 - for election as Honorary Member: Mrs. Anne Powell-Jones (The Classics Bookshop);
 - for re-election as Vice-Presidents: Professor Pat Easterling, Mr Brian Gilmore, Mr George Lemos, Dr Pantelis Michelakis, Professor Robin Osborne, Professor Christopher Rowe, Professor Ken Saunders, Professor Malcolm Schofield, Professor Brian Sparkes and Dr David Thomas;

- for re-election as Honorary Secretary: Dr Margaret Mountford;
- for election as Members of Council (to serve 2016-2019): Dr Bruno Currie (Christ Church Oxford), Miss Amelia Dowler (Curator of Greek Coins, The British Museum), Dr Steven Kennedy (Classics Master, Harrow School), Professor Judith Mossman, (University of Nottingham), Mrs Maria Oikonomou (Swansea University), Dr Vasiliki Zali (University of Liverpool);
- for re-election as Auditors: MHA MacIntyre Hudson, 31 St George's Place, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1XD.

In accordance with the Rules and the terms of their election, the Honorary Treasurer and the Membership Officer will remain in office for 2016/17.

The AGM will be followed by a wine reception.

Dr Margaret Mountford, Honorary Secretary, May 2016
By Order of the Council

The Proceedings of the General Meeting held at 4pm on Saturday 13 June 2015, were printed in JHS 135 (2015) v-viii. The Proceedings of the General Meeting held at 2pm on Saturday 12 December 2015 are printed below.

Proceedings of the General Meeting held at 2pm on Saturday 12 December, 2015, Room 246, Senate House, Malet Street, London

The President, Professor Robert Fowler welcomed members. He introduced himself, Dr Margaret Mountford (SPHS Honorary Secretary) and Ms Richella Doyle (SPHS Executive Secretary). He also welcomed the Honorary Librarian, Professor Michael Crawford and the President and Officers of the Roman Society who were present (Professor Catharine Edwards, Dr Philip Kay, Mrs Elizabeth McKnight, Dr Fiona Haarer). The purpose of the meeting was to seek members' approval for certain agreements the two Societies wish to conclude in respect of the future operation and financing of the Combined Library.

Professor Fowler began by stating he would like to highlight some of the key points which had been addressed in the letter to Members dispatched with the Notice. He reported that the Combined Library is recognised as one of the great research libraries in the world. The Joint Library, a principal asset valued not only by SPHS members, but also by the University of London staff and students, and visitors from around the world. Since 1953 the joint arrangement with the University of London has been governed by a Memorandum of Understanding with increasingly shorter terms. Professor Fowler noted the unsatisfactory nature of this arrangement due to unpredictable rises in space costs. Professor Fowler reminded those present that there was no certainty that the present short term agreement, due to expire at the end of December 2015, would be renewed on its present terms. Indeed, when a renewal was first discussed, the University was looking for a substantial increase in

space charges which meant that, over a long period, the total space charges could have slowly reduced the Societies to insolvency. In contrast, the University Agreement provides greater certainty as to the terms to govern the operation of the Combined Library for 25 years and shelters the two Societies from increasing space charges. In addition, the new arrangements will provide a better basis for fundraising, as the Societies will be seeking funds primarily to support salaries of library staff, which will be set by reference to pay scales reflecting wider market conditions, and which donors may therefore be expected to recognise to be a necessary cost of providing the services of the Combined Library. Conversely, raising funds for space charges and overheads would be extremely difficult if not impossible. In regard to fundraising and management, Professor Fowler reported that the two Societies have jointly established a company, called the Hellenic and Roman Library 'HARL'. The six present directors of HARL are the Presidents, the Honorary Treasurers and Honorary Secretaries of the two Societies. Under the University Agreement, the arrangements for the provision of books and other materials will continue as at present.

In closing Professor Fowler stated that the Council of each of the two Societies had recommended their members to vote in favour of the resolutions. The resolutions had been passed at the Roman Society General Meeting which had met earlier in the afternoon.

Professor Fowler then invited questions from members. The discussion which followed included: maintenance of the current footprint of space, staffing of the Library, the digitization of the collection, the branding of the Library and future fundraising initiatives.

Professor Fowler invited members to vote by a show of hands, indicating whether they supported or opposed the Resolution. The Resolution* was unanimously passed. There were no abstentions. Dr David Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the Presidents, the Honorary Librarian and the Officers of both societies.

The meeting was drawn to a close at 2.32pm.

* ‘That

1. a committee of the Council of the Society, comprising the President, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary of the Society, be and is hereby authorised to settle the terms of the University Agreement and otherwise to give effect to the arrangements described in a letter to members dated 19th November 2015 from the President of the Society and the President of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, substantially on the terms described therein described, but subject to such amendments as the committee may judge necessary or appropriate; and
2. the Principal Officers of the Society (or any of them) and the Executive Secretary of the Society be and they are hereby authorised to execute the University Agreement on such terms as they shall so settle with the other parties thereto’.

The 2015 Accounts are available for consultation on the Society’s website, in the Library, and in the Society’s office in advance of the meeting.

(<http://www.hellenicsociety.org.uk/governance/>)

The statement and balance sheet of the 2015 Accounts are printed in this booklet.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Subscriptions and current sales	2	60,530	-	60,530	55,513
Publishing income	3	111,633	-	111,633	95,547
Academic events income		216	-	216	264.00
Library income	6	8,301	-	8,301	9,409
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Investment income	4	39,722	2,910	42,632	46,753
<i>Voluntary income:</i>					
Grants and donations	5	31,190	12,825	44,015	31,356
Total incoming resources		251,592	15,735	267,327	238,842
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds:					
Investment management fees		10,234	-	10,234	5,439
Charitable activities	7	151,023	10,783	161,806	149,325
Governance costs	7	21,471	-	21,471	19,493
Total resources expended		182,728	10,783	193,511	174,257
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		68,864	4,952	73,816	64,585
Transfer between funds	19	1,214	(1,214)	-	-
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS		70,078	3,738	73,816	64,585
Net gains on investment assets	15	4,618	406	5,024	36,283
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		74,696	4,144	78,840	100,868
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		2,012,054	103,299	2,115,353	2,014,485
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,086,750	107,443	2,194,193	2,115,353

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets - heritage assets	14	674452	614199
Tangible assets - other	14	5,204	6,923
Investments	15	<u>1,367,337</u>	<u>1,381,400</u>
		2,046,993	2,002,522
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	68,961	80,307
Short term deposit		268	266
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>148,867</u>	<u>90,177</u>
		218,096	170,750
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due			
within one year	17	<u>(66,102)</u>	<u>(52,878)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>151,994</u>	<u>117,872</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		2,198,987	2,120,394
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due			
after more than one year	18	<u>(4,794)</u>	<u>(5,041)</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>2,194,193</u>	<u>2,115,353</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		2,086,750	2,012,054
Restricted funds	19	<u>107,443</u>	<u>103,299</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>2,194,193</u>	<u>2,115,353</u>

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