



**Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies**

**Notice of Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 10th June 2017**

**Room G22/26, Senate House**



# **Agenda**

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2.00 pm          Professor Robert Fowler, Presidential Lecture  
                         ‘Mythical Variations’

3.00 pm          Tea

3.30 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 2016-2017.
3.          Resolutions to change the Rules: Council recommends that the Rules of the Society should be amended as follows:

## **By the addition of a new Rule 32A**

32 A (1) A resolution in writing or in electronic form agreed by not less than two-thirds of the Members of Council or (as the case may be) members of a Committee entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Council or such Committee and to vote upon the resolution shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of Council or (as the case may be) a Committee duly convened and held.

(2)The resolution in writing may comprise several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form to each of which one or more members of Council or (as the case may be) members of the Committee has signified their agreement.

## **By replacing the existing Rule 37 by the following new Rule 37**

37 The President shall be elected from among the Members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting for a term of three years. Council shall be entitled, with the consent of the incumbent President, to extend that term twice, each time for a period of one year, provided that it informs Members of its intention to effect such an extension with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting at which the term would otherwise expire. No term may be extended beyond a total period of five years and no person shall be eligible for re-election as President in the three year period following expiry of his or her term of office.”

**By altering Rule 51**

By adding in Rule 51, after the words “All motions made at a General Meeting” the words “(other than those recommended by the Council)”.

**By adding a new Rule 65**

**65 Means of Communication to be used**

A Any notice to be given to a person under these Rules:

- (1) must be in writing; or
- (2) must be given in electronic form.

B Any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a member of Council, or to anyone else entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Council, in connection with the taking of decisions by Council may be sent by electronic means unless that person has informed the Executive Secretary in writing that he or she wishes to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents in hard copy form.

C A Member who has given the Society an email address shall be deemed to have agreed to accept notices that are sent by electronic means to that address unless he or she has notified the Executive Secretary in writing that he or she wishes to receive notices in hard copy form.

D The Society may give any notice to a Member either

- (1) personally; or
- (2) by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the Member at his or her address; or
- (3) by leaving it at the address of the Member; or
- (4) subject to C above, by giving it in electronic form to the Member's email address.

E A Member who does not register an address with the Society shall not be entitled to receive any notice from the Society.

F A Member present at any meeting of the Society shall be deemed to have received due notice of the meeting and of the purposes for which it was called.

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- (1) Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive proof that the notice was given.
  - (2) Proof that an electronic form of notice was given shall be conclusive where the Society can demonstrate that it was properly addressed and sent.

H Notice shall be deemed to have been given, in the case of notice given by post, 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted, and in the case of notice given by electronic means, 48 hours after it was sent.

4. Adoption of the 2016 Accounts.
5. Subscriptions: The Council of the Society proposes that membership rates for 2018 remain the same.
6. Election of Society Officers, Council Members, Hon. Members and Auditors - the Council of the Society wishes to nominate:

- for election as President: Professor Judith Mossman;

Judith Mossman is currently Professor of Classics at the University of Nottingham. She was an undergraduate and graduate at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, a lecturer at University College, Oxford, and then held a Junior Research Fellowship at Christ Church, Oxford. After her JRF she taught at Trinity College, Dublin before moving to Nottingham. She is especially well known for her work on Euripides and Plutarch, but her broad range of interests includes many aspects of ancient drama, biography and rhetoric. She was previously Chair of the Joint Association of Classical Teachers (JACT) Classical Civilisation Committee and Head of the School of Humanities, University of Nottingham. She will take up the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Executive Dean) for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Coventry University from 1 September 2017.

- for election as Vice President: Professor Robert Fowler;
- 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 election as Members of Council (to serve 2017-2020): Dr Emma Aston (University of Reading), Dr Susan Deacy (University of Roehampton), Dr Stephen Harrison (Swansea University).

Further nominations will be available to view on the Society's website by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

[\(http://www.hellenicsociety.org.uk/governance/\)](http://www.hellenicsociety.org.uk/governance/)

- 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, Honorary Secretary and the Membership Officer will remain in office for 2017/18.

The AGM will be followed by a wine reception.

Dr Margaret Mountford, Honorary Secretary, May 2017  
By Order of the Council

## **Note to Members**

Council is proposing some amendments to the Society's Rules, the full terms of which are set out below:

### ***Resolutions of Council***

Council meets three times a year, with additional meetings being convened when necessary. Many Council members are based a long way from London, with commitments fixed a long time ahead, and it is difficult for them to attend meetings convened by short notice, yet there are times when it is necessary for Council to approve matters which arise between the regular meetings. New Rule 32A would enable Council to pass resolutions without a meeting, but in such cases a two-thirds majority would be required rather than the simple majority needed at meetings.

### **The President's term of office**

Our current Rule 37 provides that the President is elected at the Annual General Meeting for a three year term, and cannot be re-elected until after three years have elapsed. Council debated whether a longer term than three years would be more effective, and decided not to recommend a change in all cases, but to ask Members to give it the ability to extend the term annually for a further two years, to a maximum of five, when it considered that that would be in the interest of the Society.

## **Resolutions at General Meetings**

Council thinks that it is not necessary for resolutions put forward by Council, which will be set out in the notice convening the meeting, to be signed by a proposer and seconder, and that this requirement should apply only to resolutions put forward by Members.

## **Sending notices etc. by electronic means**

For some years, it has been normal for corporate bodies, including charitable companies, to provide that notices of meetings may be given to members by electronic form. This is cheaper for the organisation, saving printing costs, paper and postage. Of our 1,252 members, over 900 have given us email addresses, and on a normal AGM mailing we could save approximately £500. We are recommending accordingly a change in the Rules to enable this to happen. Any Member who has given an email address but still wishes to receive hard copy notices of meetings may do so by notifying the Executive Secretary in writing to that effect.

Dr Margaret Mountford, Honorary Secretary, May 2017

The 2016 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 2016 Accounts are printed in this booklet.



THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HELLENIC STUDIES				
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2016	Total Funds 2015
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	31,222	11,250.00	42,472	44,015
Charitable activities	187,806	-	187,806	180,680
Investments	43,111	3,204.00	46,315	42,632
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>	<b>262,139</b>	<b>14,454</b>	<b>276,593</b>	<b>267,327</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	8,592	-	8,592	10,234
Charitable activities	215,157	5,100	220,257	183,277
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>223,749</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>228,849</b>	<b>193,511</b>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>38,390</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>47,744</b>	<b>73,816</b>
Transfer between funds	470	(470)	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/losses</b>	<b>38,860</b>	<b>8,884</b>	<b>47,744</b>	<b>73,816</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investment	158,214	11,681	169,895	5,024
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>	<b>197,074</b>	<b>20,565</b>	<b>217,639</b>	<b>78,840</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	2,086,750	107,443	2,194,193	2,115,353
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,283,824</b>	<b>128,008</b>	<b>2,411,832</b>	<b>2,194,193</b>

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HELLENIC STUDIES							
BALANCE SHEET							
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016							
				2016			2015
			£	£		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>							
Tangible assets - heritage assets				739889			674452
Tangible assets - other				3,707			5,204
Investments				<u>1,478,054</u>			<u>1,367,337</u>
				2,221,650			2,046,993
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>							
Debtors		144,680				68,961	
Short-term deposit		268				268	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>118,674</u>				<u>148,867</u>	
		263,622				218,096	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> Amounts falling due after more than one year			(68,776)			(66,102)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				<u>194,846</u>			<u>151,994</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				2,416,496			2,198,987
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due after more than one year				<u>(4,664)</u>			<u>(4,794)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				<u>2,411,832</u>			<u>2,194,193</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>							
Unrestricted funds				2,283,824			2,086,750
Restricted funds				<u>128,008</u>			<u>107,443</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>2,411,832</u>			<u>2,194,193</u>

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