

The Bibliographical Society

The Annual General Meeting 2022

The one hundred and thirtieth Annual General Meeting was held at Lambeth Palace Library, 15 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7JT, on Tuesday, 18 October 2022. The President, Professor James Raven, was in the Chair. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (which had been printed in *The Library* for June 2022) were taken as read, seconded by Ms Yvonne Lewis and confirmed.

The President referred to the Annual Report which had been circulated and expressed his gratitude to all members of Council and others who had been involved in the Society's meetings and events over the past year.

The Society held a full season of successful in-person, online and hybrid events throughout the year which all attracted large audiences. In addition to its lectures at the Society of Antiquaries, the Society held a number of other events, including 'The book that changed my life' in November (hybrid), the virtual visit to Keio University Library in Tokyo in March, the 'Bibliographical training event' at the John Rylands Institute and Library in May (in person), and the Summer Visit to Magdalene College Library in June which had just been awarded the Sterling Prize by RIBA. The President confirmed that the Society plans to continue its varied programme – in-person, hybrid and virtual, in the coming season. All lectures will be live-streamed and, where possible, also recorded. As has become common practice throughout the past couple of years, members will be informed of arrangements before each meeting by email and on the Society's website.

The President reminded members that the Society's Gold Medal for 2021 was awarded to Professor Michael Twyman at the meeting on 16 November 2021, immediately before the Society's first Grant Recipients' Panel.

The President paid tribute to the Society's increased outreach work, including the design of a new logo, tote bags for all members and an increase in activities outside the normal lecture cycle. He also reminded members that the Society lends its voice to libraries at risk with considerable success in many cases. This work is largely unseen, but it remains very important and continued throughout the past year.

Membership now stands at 886 which is a 10% increase on last year with new members coming from around the world, often as a result of the Society's additional events.

The President noted with regret the deaths of Professor Lilian Armstrong, Professor Peter Davison, Professor John L. Flood, Professor Keith Maslen, Mr R. C. Norris and Mr G. M. Stafford. He then proposed the adoption of the Annual Report for 2021-2022 as circulated in advance of the Annual General Meeting. It was seconded by Ms Margaret Ford and carried.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Accounts for 2021.

The Accounts were published with the Annual Report and follow the same pattern as they have done for several years. Following advice from the Charity Commission, the Society has once again had the accounts examined by an independent examiner and has not had them formally audited. In general terms the accounts for 2021 represent solid activity in a difficult year with considerable growth through the Society's investments. Income from *The Library* remains steady. The Hon. Treasurer warned members that next year's accounts might not present the same picture.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts for 2021. This was formally seconded by Dr Kristian Jensen. The Hon. Treasurer proposed the appointment of Thornton Springer as the Society's examiners for the year 2022. This was formally seconded by Mr Richard Linenthal.

The President explained that, owing to the usual rules of rotation, three members of Council will rotate off this year. The retiring members of Council are Ms Katie Birkwood, Mr Giles Mandelbrote and Mr Liam Sims. The President thanked the retiring Council members for their work for the Society. The three new candidates nominated for Council are Dr Giles Bergel, Dr Alessandro Bianchi and Ms Gabriel Sewell. These nominations were formally seconded by Professor Mirjam Foot and approved.

The President announced that one new Vice-President was to be elected and nominated Dr Julia Walworth. The nomination was formally seconded by Dr David Shaw.

The President confirmed that the Hon. Secretary was willing to serve another one-year term and thanked her for all her work for the Society over the past year and during his two-year presidency. The election of the Hon. Secretary was proposed, seconded by Professor Ghazwan Butrous and carried.

The President confirmed that the Hon. Treasurer was willing to serve another one-year term and thanked him for his work for the Society over the past year. The election of the Hon. Treasurer was proposed, seconded by Ms Margaret Ford and carried.

The President announced that his term of office had come to an end and proposed Mr Richard Linenthal, Senior Vice-President, to succeed him. This was formally seconded by Dr David Shaw. The incoming President congratulated the outgoing President for his term in office and thanked him for all his work over the past two, rather difficult years in which the Society had nevertheless flourished and grown.

The President asked for any other business. There was no other business on this occasion.

After the formal business of the Annual General Meeting, the President thanked Mr Giles Mandelbrote, Librarian and Archivist at Lambeth Palace Library, and his colleagues for their hospitality and the tours of the Library preceding the AGM and invited members to stay for refreshments.

Karen Limper-Herz, Hon. Secretary, October 2022