

Minutes of the AGM of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow

17th March 2021 held over Zoom. There were 222 attendees.

All the papers for the AGM had been available on the Society website and members had been asked to submit any questions or queries on the report, accounts or any other matter, but only one query on the investments had been received which would be addressed by the Treasurer in his report.

1. The minutes of 218th Annual General Meeting of the Society were presented and accepted. Proposed & Seconded on line via the chat function.

2. Receive the President's Review of the Year

The President pointed out that the Annual Report of Council, including his Review of the Year, had been available on the website and he gave a brief outline of the past year, thanking all the speakers for their contribution. He also thanked the retiring Council members, Felicity Grainger, Jan McDonald and Susan Young for their contributions and dedication to the Society over the years.

The President stated that he did not know when in-person lectures would be allowed to start again but when they did it was anticipated that they would be held in a new lecture venue at Glasgow University. Thanks was expressed to Strathclyde University for hosting the Society over the past many years and for continuing to host the Society's archives.

Membership fees would remain at the current level but may be increased once live lectures resume.

3. Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts pointing out that in the year the income was basically the same as the previous year. However, the investments had fallen by over £60,000 resulting in a net deficit for the year.

In the current year the income will be reduced primarily due to investment income. It was noted that the investment in equities had subsequently recovered somewhat. Expenses would also be down by about £10,000 but this is offset by increased administration costs over the year. However, the balance sheet should be similar to the previous year and it was hoped that there would be a bounce-back in the investment income. The accounts for year to 31st July 2020 were received and these had been signed off and submitted to OSCR.

Approval of appointment of independent examiner

The appointment of independent examiner, Lewis J Osborne, was approved, being proposed & seconded on-line via the chat function. (Seconded by Tony Burton)

5. The Election of Office-Bearers and Council was agreed as follows:

President: Prof. Pat Monaghan

Immediate Past President: Dr Geraint Bevan

Council nominations:

Vice Presidents: Dr Colin Miller, Ms Tricia Fort

Hon Secretary: Mr Tony Burton OBE

Hon Treasurer: Mr Richard Service

Council: Dr Leonard Esakowitz, Mr Campbell Forrest, Prof. Felicity Huntingford,
Dr Paul Walton, Prof. Graham Watt, Mr Philip Woodrow

7. There was no other competent business.