

Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 9 November, 2024 at 15.00 in person and on Zoom

Present: Barbara Bell, Joy Bithell, Ian Burns, Kay Byers, Alison Carter, Nuno Carniero, Revel Coles, Marsali Coles, Robert Fowler, Rosemary Jeffreys, Linzi Hall, Susan Lloyd, Tobias Reinhardt, Samantha Rowley, Alistair Sinclair, Kate Starling, Bob Stone, John Wall, Michelle Watt, Nigel Wilson, Djamila Zaid

On Zoom: Jack Godwin, Hannes Hoffmann, Leofranc Holford-Strevens, Julie Lorenzen, Margaret Maehler, Daniel Reshete, Susan Russell, Audrey Sheen, Anne-Marie Svensson +

Apologies: Paul Everard, Isobel Hamilton, Janice Lee, Gill Reeve

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- Minutes of AGM 2023 and matters arising
Alistair Sinclair reminded the Chairman that his name had been omitted from the list of those present at the 2023 AGM. This will be amended. Samantha Rowley indicated that her name should be Samantha and not Sam. This will be amended. Otherwise, the minutes of the AGM meeting held on 28 October, 2023 were received.
 - Annual Accounts and Trustees' report
The Trustees' Report and Statement of Accounts to 30 April 2024 were received. There was a drop of £8000 over last year due to the dates of the accounting period and the cash flow in the Mellon income. The true situation is a drop of £4000 since before the Mellon programme started two years ago owing to budgeted expenditure: £3000 was donated to the *Officina dei Papiri* for a specialist microscope and £2000 was awarded in bursaries. Membership stands at over 160. The Congress surplus of £3000 is going towards the 2025 'Coming of Age' conference. £1500 is going towards bursaries.
 - Future development of the Society
Spring meeting: members were asked for suggestions. The previous Spring meetings (Silchester, Colchester) were successful because of personal contacts at the sites visited which made for a special insightful visit. Members were asked if they have such contacts at other sites.
Conference: Herculaneum: Contexts, Present Progress and Future Prospects, 13–14 October 2025 at the University of London. Members remarked that the event should be promoted as soon as possible in order to prevent clashes with other Societies' events and that the media should be involved. The conference will be free. The events will not be on Zoom but recordings will be made and posted on the Society's YouTube channel.
 - AOB
There was none.

The meeting finished at 15.30

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