

Minutes of the AGM held on 5 November, 2022 at 14.30 on Zoom

Present: Gillian Austin, Bonnie Blackburn, Kay Byers, Alison Carter, Revel Coles, Robert Fowler, Patricia Gerber, Gill Greef, Hannes Hoffmann, Rosemary Jeffries, Julie Lorenzen, Margaret Maehler, Alison Palmer, Peter Pickering, Patrick Pollard, Daniel Reshete, Susan Russell, Peter Smith, Kate Starling, Bob Stone, Graham Storey, Martin Taylor, John Wall, Nigel Wilson, Ivonne Yedid, Djamila Zaid,

Apologies: Paul Everard, Sheena Hampson, Alicia Hollings, Audrey Sheen

- Minutes of the last meeting on Sat 15 Oct 2021 were received.
- Trustees' Report and Statement of Accounts to 30 April 2022 were received.
- Bursaries: Only one of the two annual bursaries was awarded because there were fewer than usual applications. Instead of the second bursary, the Board decided that a donation (£3,000.00) should be made towards a microscope for CISPE.
- Sozomena: It was noted that this scholarly journal edited by the Herculaneum Society (and from which the Society receives royalties) should be brought more to the attention of the membership. It now runs into 20 volumes and is helping to raise the profile of the Society.
- Membership: Thanks were expressed to the membership, Donors and Benefactors for their support of the Society and for making possible the advances of the Society in furthering its charitable aims and increasing public awareness of the site. Listed among the achievements of the Society are the monthly ENews bulletins and annual Newsletter, YouTube channel, Bursaries, Fundraising Projects such as the Custodian's Room Project (£53,000 raised) and the collaboration with the University of Kentucky administering the Mellon Grant for the papyrologists at CISPE.
- Accounts: The income of the Society is still under the threshold for a full audit or an independent examination. Operating costs are covered but there is little headroom. A suggestion was made to move the money held by the Society into a high-interest account. A question was raised as to whether it could be possible to avoid PayPal and its high service fees. Both suggestions will be looked into.
- Congress: It was reported that the 2022 Congress was very successful. Despite a smaller number of people (40 as opposed to the usual 50), a small profit was made which will be ploughed into the charitable aims of the Society. Improvements were seen at the site and the quality of the tours were greatly improved. The next Congress is planned for 2024 and members will be canvassed as to which month it should take place in.
- Future Events: On Mon 5 December there will be a talk at the Ioannou Centre, Oxford, by Bob Fowler, Tobias Reinhardt and Brent Seales about the Oxford Papyri Project. A members' trip to Colchester is likely to take place in Spring 2023. There will be a special event for Benefactors and Donors in Feb/March 2023
- AOB: There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 15.20.

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