

TRINITY HALL ASSOCIATION

95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 25th September 2010

Held in the Graham Storey Room, Trinity Hall, at 6.30 p.m.

MINUTES

In the Chair: Ms Sarah Webbe, President

1. Some thirty-five members were in attendance. Apologies had been received from Mr Andrew Burr, Ms Katerina Biliouri, Mr David Thomas and Mr Michael Womack.
2. The Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting held on 26th September 2009, having been circulated in the College Newsletter, were duly approved and signed by the President.
3. Election of Committee Member: Dr Nigel Chancellor, a Staff Fellow of the College and former Domus Bursar, having been duly nominated, was elected to the Committee *nem.con*. The President noted that Mr John Russell had indicated his wish to retire from the Committee, and thanked him in the warmest terms for his years of wise and constructive contribution to the Association. *Applause*. She also welcomed Mr Martin Ansley-Young, the Association's Financial Officer, to his first Annual General Meeting.
4. Officers of the Association: the Secretary reminded members that Ms Sarah Webbe's exceptional five-year term of office would expire in a year's time. A new President would be needed, and it was the unanimous recommendation of the Committee that Dr Nigel Chancellor should succeed Ms Sarah Webbe for the statutory period of three years. Dr Chancellor was very keen to assume the role. The Committee would therefore be proposing Dr Chancellor for election as President at the next Annual General Meeting, or at any other General Meeting that might precede it.

Likewise the Secretary would be completing his own statutory term of six years in a year's time. Committee Member Dr Chris Angus had expressed a wish to take over as Secretary. The Committee greatly appreciated his offer, and would therefore be proposing Dr Angus for election as Secretary in a year's time.

5. Secretary's Report: Mr Colin Hayes, Hon. Secretary, spoke briefly to his report which had been published in the Newsletter and circulated with the Agenda. He drew attention in particular to the Committee's policy of holding a rolling series of regional events; there had been successful and pleasurable gatherings at Lanercost Priory, Cumbria, in September 2009 and at Ickworth

House, Suffolk, in March 2010, and there was about to be one at Harewood House, Yorkshire, in October. Analysis conducted by the Alumni Office showed that we were indeed attracting alumni who had not previously attended Trinity Hall events. The Secretary also advised members that the next big London Event would be held at the Mansion House on Friday 3rd June 2011, thanks to a valuable contact established by Mr Martin Ansley-Young.

The President drew attention to the continuing programme of annual THA awards to students taking part in humanitarian projects. A further three awards had been made in 2010, in liaison with the Senior Tutor, and it was clear that the students themselves had benefited considerably from their experiences, as well as the communities in which they had worked. This most worthwhile programme would continue, subject only to the amount of THA funds available.

6. Financial Report: Mr Martin Ansley-Young spoke briefly to the Association's accounts for the financial year 2009/2010, which had been circulated with the Agenda. The Association's finances were in a sound condition, both on the Income and Expenditure Account and on the Balance Sheet. However, he pointed out that following discussions with the College it had been deemed appropriate to record as income the actual yield on the Association's Endowment (£8,404 for the year past) rather than a notional figure of £10,000. The same principle would apply to previous years once the figures were known. There being a substantial surplus on the Income and Expenditure account for 2009/2010 he had applied an adjustment of £2500 relating to previous years. This still left a surplus of £578 for the year past. The President commended the accounts to members and congratulated Mr Ansley-Young on the concision and clarity of the accounts. *Applause*. Mr Miles Halford asked why the net cost to the Association of the event held at the House of Lords had been so great. Mr Ansley-Young responded that it was chiefly because over 300 alumni and guests had attended. The President pointed out that the THA's subsidy per head of £16 was among its lowest.
7. The Rules of the Association: the Secretary advised members that the Rules had been scrutinised and revised by the Committee, with particular assistance from Committee member Mr Michael Womack, in order to bring greater precision to certain clauses where needed, and to reflect new developments. The revised Rules had been circulated with the Agenda. The most important changes reflected the stipulation that the President's term of office be limited to three years henceforth; the provision for the appointment of a Vice-President if so desired, for a term of two years; and greater clarity about the rotation and retirement of committee members. On the motion of the President the Revised Rules were adopted *nem.con*. Mr Miles Halford observed that the Rules now stipulated that the AGM be held on the occasion of the Annual Dinner and questioned whether this had to be so. The President replied that it reflected current practice, which seemed to be effective and popular, but that it could be reviewed in future if necessary.

8. Other Business: there being no further points from the floor the Secretary thanked the staff of the Alumni Office in the most cordial terms for their continuous support and outstandingly efficient administration of the Association's events throughout the year, some of which imposed a very heavy load. *Prolonged applause.* Mr Bob Ely in turn thanked the President, Secretary and Financial Officer seated at the table, whom he described as 'the team', for their leadership of the Association. *Further applause.*

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 7.02 p.m.