

# TRINITY HALL ASSOCIATION

## 98th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 28th September 2013

Held in the Lecture Theatre, Trinity Hall, at 6:15 p.m.

### MINUTES

*In the Chair: Dr Nigel Chancellor, President*

1. Some twenty eight members were in attendance.

Apologies had been received from Mr Bob Ely, Mr Martin Ansley-Young, Mr Andrew Burr, Mr David Lock, Mr Michael Womack, Mrs Juliet Day and Mr Alan Grieve.

2. The minutes of the 97th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd September 2012 had been circulated. The President indicated that they were subject to a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (the ICO) and invited the Secretary to make a statement to the members present.

- The Secretary stated that ██████████ had complained<sup>1</sup> to the ICO that the 2012 AGM minutes contained "incorrect facts" in contravention of the fourth data protection principle which states that "personal information shall be accurate and up to date",
- The Secretary had responded robustly to the ICO that we believed that the minutes and the statements recorded in them were factually correct,
- The Association awaits the ICO's assessment,
- ██████████ had emailed a lengthy statement for members (sent on Thursday 26 September 2013 but only received by the Secretary two hours before the meeting),
- The Officers had not had the time to fully digest its content and did not intend for the Secretary to attempt to read it out from his phone during the meeting,
- Dependent upon the feedback from the ICO, and subject to them being approved, the minutes would have a note appended indicating the points of disagreement stated by ██████████ and the Association's response to them.

The minutes were duly approved *nem con* and signed by the President. There were no matters arising.

3. Election of President: at this stage the Vice President temporarily assumed the chair and proposed the re-election of Dr Nigel Chancellor as President. His proposal was seconded by Mr Michael Womack and Dr Chancellor was elected *nem con*.

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<sup>1</sup> ██████████ insisted that she had not complained to the ICO but rather had asked them for assistance in the matter. The Secretary pointed out that the ICO had formally treated it as a complaint.

At this juncture Dr Chancellor re-assumed the chair.

The President indicated that at the 2014 AGM in line with the rules of the Association he would be retiring at the end of his three year term of office. He indicated that the Committee were unanimous in backing his recommendation that Colin Hayes should take over the role of President on his retirement.

Dr David Billett (1968) proposed that Colin Hayes should take over as President of the Association at the 2014 AGM. This was seconded by Mr Roger McKinlay (1979) and carried *nem con*.

4. Colin Hayes (1962), having served as Vice President for two years, was standing for re-election as Vice President. The President proposed that he should be re-elected, this was seconded by the Revd Cortland Fransella (1967) and carried *nem con*.
5. Election of Committee Members: Mr Roger McKinlay (1979), well known to many members and having been duly nominated for membership of the Committee, was proposed by Ms Sarah Webbe (1981), seconded by His Honour Angus MacDonald (1961) and elected *nem con*.
6. Secretary's Report: the Secretary spoke briefly to the main points of his report which had been published on the College web-site and would appear in the Newsletter.

The Vice President commented on the THA Awards, reports of which will appear in Front Court next year. He had already received the first feedback, this from Catriona McGill, an engineering student, on her project in Ecuador developing transitional housing ('real roofs over heads') for slum dwellers. They had built two dwellings, developing improvements to the design during the project. Further improvements to the design are being worked on during the coming year.

The Vice President reminded members that these awards were thanks to the benefaction of Dennis Avery.

7. In the absence of the Financial Officer the Secretary spoke briefly to the Statement of Account for the year ending June 2013 which had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting:
  - a. We had ended the year with a surplus of £5,942 against the original budget figure of a £150 deficit. This 'accidental' surplus arose from three main factors: the income on the endowment was £3.5k higher than expected, the final subsidy for the Haddon Hall event was £2k lower than budget and that for the London event about £900 lower. The above were offset by a £1k provision for legal costs.
  - b. Administrative expenses were lower, but primarily because the previous year's figure included exceptional items.
  - c. The THA event subsidy per head was both lower and more consistent than previous years – something that reflected the way that things had panned out rather than as the result of some cunning plan.

The Secretary indicated that given the above factors and the very welcome rise in both the value of the endowment and the income that we receive from it. We obviously need to consider how we should use the extra funds. Two possible things to be considered would be: lowering ticket prices for events in order to encourage attendance by younger members and increasing the number of THA Awards when we receive a higher number of applications for worthwhile projects.

The Secretary moved that the accounts should be adopted, proposed by Michael Womack (1966), seconded by Revd Cortland Fransella (1967) and carried *nem con*.

8. Any Other Business

- a. [REDACTED] suggested that it would be good practice to tell members a little more about candidates standing for election to the committee, even a sentence would be enough as a reason for the nomination.

The President outlined the process for selecting suitable candidates. The Secretary added that in the case of Roger McKinlay he had been very active as an alumni and a year rep for a number of years, attended many events and was very well known to most active alumni, including many of the members present at the AGM.

- b. In answer to a question, following on from the financial report, about how we will decide between giving a greater subsidy to events or more to THA Awards the President stated that this will be a subject for consideration by the committee. The Secretary indicated that suggestions from the floor would be welcome.
- c. [REDACTED] suggested the need for a dispute resolution mechanism and requested answers to the questions that she had raised with respect to the management of the Association. The President responded that he had answered emailed questions regularly since December 2011 and had summarised these in his email to [REDACTED] on 8th May 2012. [REDACTED] responded that this email did not answer her outstanding management questions.
- d. Mr Richard Wright (1947) proposed a vote of thanks to the President, Officers and Committee for the way that the business of the Association was conducted, this was carried *nem con*.
- e. Sir de Vic Carey QC (1959) complimented the Officers on the conduct of the meeting, expressed his total confidence in the running of the Association and seconded Mr Wright's vote of thanks.

9. There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 6:52 p.m.