

TRINITY HALL ASSOCIATION

100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 26th September 2015

Held in the Lecture Theatre, Trinity Hall, at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

In the Chair: Mr Colin Hayes, President

1. Some forty five members were in attendance. Prior to the commencement of formal business two of the THA Award recipients for 2015, Cobi-Jane Akinrele and Evi Robertson, gave members a presentation on their involvement in humanitarian work in Tanzania and Nepal.

Apologies had been received from Mr Bob Ely, Mr Andrew Burr, Dr Nigel Chancellor and Mr Martin Ansley-Young.

2. The minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting held on 27th September 2014 had been circulated and were duly approved *nem con* and signed by the President. There were no matters arising.
3. Election of President: the Secretary took the chair at this juncture in order to propose the re-election of Mr Colin Hayes as President for a second year; this was seconded by Mr Michael Womack (1966) and carried *nem con*. Mr Hayes resumed the chair.
4. Committee Members:

- a. The Secretary reported that under the Rules of the Association Mr Andrew Burr and Mr Bob Ely were required to retire from the Committee, both having already been re-elected for a second term. He also reported that Dr Krishna Chatterjee was also standing down from the Committee due to the conflict between her onerous work commitments and her ability to attend committee meetings. In paying tribute to the contribution that Mr Burr and Dr Chatterjee had made to the Association over a number of years he was glad to report that Mr Burr had agreed to continue his excellent work in organising, in conjunction with the College, the annual Careers Seminar and that Dr Chatterjee would continue her valued contribution to the process of making the THA Awards.

Ms Sarah Webbe (1981 and former President) recounted Krishna's experience with Denis Avery, an experience that had much to do with instituting the THA Awards and Krishna's subsequent involvement with them.

The Secretary outlined the search process that was now underway in order to find new committee members, primarily from the ranks of the year reps. The committee is seeking some specific expertise in order to fill the role of Financial Officer and to enhance our communication capabilities, particularly

in the area of social media. We are also looking to achieve better representation from more recent members and greater diversity.

The meeting expressed its warm thanks and appreciation to both Andrew and Krishna.

- b. The President then turned to the contribution made by Mr Bob Ely over many years of service to the Committee and drew particular attention to the wisdom and experience that Bob habitually brought to our proceedings and the extent to which successive officers of the Association have relied on his sound advice and judgement. In view of his unique contribution which the committee were loath to lose, and without wishing to set a precedent, it was proposed that Bob should be appointed an Emeritus Member of the Committee. This received the unanimous consent of the members present.
5. Secretary's report: the Secretary spoke briefly to the main points of his report which had been published on the College web-site mentioning in particular:
- a. Farewells to Martin and Claire Daunton at last year's Cambridge Dinner.
 - b. Events at two outstanding venues: the Roman Baths and Pump Room in Bath in October 2014, at which we had welcomed the new Master, the Revd Dr Jeremy Morris; Lambeth Palace in May 2015, once home to a former President of the Association.
 - c. The THA Awards: three awards made in 2015 and a fourth which was not taken up because of the situation in Nepal immediately following the disastrous earthquake.
 - d. The forthcoming North East Event to be held at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday 24 October.

There was a question from the floor about how the Lambeth Palace event had been publicised. Dr Stretch, on behalf of the Alumni and Development Office, indicated that details of it had been emailed to all alumni for whom there were email addresses and that advance details of it had appeared in the events calendar and in various publications. The Secretary stated that the cost of mailing all members about individual events was now considered prohibitive.

The Secretary concluded with grateful thanks to the staff of the Alumni and Development Office of the College who were responsible for organising most of our events around the country and for handling much of the administrative burden. The meeting responded with a round of applause.

6. Financial Report: in the absence of the Financial Officer the Secretary spoke briefly to the Statement of Accounts for the year ending June 2015 which had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting and whose clarity he commended:
- a. The Association was in a very healthy financial position; both income and expenditure were up with a surplus of circa £5K on the year.

- b. The value of the endowment had risen by approximately £30K over the year and now stands at almost £500K.
- c. We have continued to fund THA Awards at a significantly greater level.
- d. There was an increase in committee expenses – primarily travel expenses in relation to appeal proceedings in the Lower Tier Tribunal.

A question was raised on the provision for Corporation Tax shown on the balance sheet which was substantially greater than the figures in the income and expenditure account. The Secretary was unable to provide an immediate answer to the question. *[Note: later examination of the financial report indicated that the questioner had read the wrong figure in the accounts – the larger figure was for the line below: ‘other creditors’.]*

The President stated that he was not entirely happy with the size of the surplus but that the committee have thoughts about possible new directions for the application of funds and will try to reduce the surplus during the coming year.

The President moved that the accounts should be adopted, proposed by Ms Sarah Webbe, seconded by Mr Martin Williams (1966) and carried *nem con*.

7. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. precisely.