



## **Minutes of the Royal Historical Society Anniversary Meeting of 27 November 2020**

The Anniversary Meeting (AGM) of the Royal Historical Society was held online on Friday 27 November at 5.00pm, with Professor Margot Finn in the chair.

Minutes of the meeting of 29 November 2019.

The Minutes of the Royal Historical Society Anniversary Meeting of 29 November 2019 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, and were duly signed.

Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2019-2020

The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements (Statutory Accounts) for the Financial Year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 as available on the Society's website:

<https://royalhistsoc.org/royal-historical-society-annual-report-and-accounts-2019-20/> were approved and adopted into the records of the Society.

Announcement of Re-election of Officers of the Society.

It was confirmed that in accordance with By-laws XV, XVI and XVIII, Council had re-elected:

As Honorary Secretary	Dr A G Harris	<i>(first elected 2018)</i>
As Honorary Treasurer	Prof. J Stobart	<i>(first elected 2019)</i>
As Director of Communications	Dr A W M Smith	<i>(first elected 2018)</i>
As Literary Director	Prof. A P Spicer	<i>(first elected 2015, elected for a further four-year term)</i>
As Literary Director	Prof. R J Toye	<i>(first elected 2016, elected for a further one-year term)</i>

Announcement of Retirement of an Officer of the Society

It was confirmed that in accordance with By-law XVIII Dr A R Green retired from the Council as Co-director of Communications.

Announcement of Retirement and Election of Vice-Presidents of the Society.

It was confirmed that in accordance with By-law XVII, the following Vice-Presidents retired from the Council:

Professor F Andrews  
Professor K C Fincham  
Mr R Fisher

It was confirmed that in accordance with By-law XVII, the council had elected two new Vice-Presidents:

Mr P D'Sena, BA, MPhil, PGCE  
Prof. J F Winters, MA, PhD

#### Announcement of Election of Councillors.

In accordance with By-law XX, the following Councillors retired:

Dr M Collins  
Dr A Roach  
Prof. J Winters

In accordance with By-law XXI, the following Councillors were elected:

Dr M T Calaresu, BA, MA, PhD  
Dr R Lee, BA, MA, DPhil  
Professor S J MacLean, BA, MPhil, PhD  
Dr E A Robinson, BA, MA, PhD

#### Amendments to the By-laws

In line with the authority granted within the Royal Charter of the Royal Historical Society, the Fellows present adopted the following proposed changes to the By-laws:

- (i) By-law VIII- proposal to amend procedures for removal of members.

The previous text read:

*If the conduct of any Fellow, Associate or Member, or of any elected Officer or Councillor, shall appear to the Council to be inconsistent with membership of the Society, or with the office held, or with membership of the Council, the Council may, by ballot and by the vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of Council present and voting, resolve that he/she be requested to resign. A Fellow, Associate, Member, elected Officer or Councillor so requested shall have the right of appeal to a Special Meeting of the Society, at which the question shall be decided by ballot; and if the recommendation of the Council shall be approved by the vote of two-thirds of the Fellows present and voting this shall take immediate effect as if the resignation so requested had been received.*

The accepted proposed text reads:

*Any Fellow or Member who is no longer a fit and proper person to remain in the Society may have their membership terminated in accordance with the 'Procedures for Expulsion from the Society' annexed to these By-laws.*

(See 'Procedures for Expulsion from the Society' at: <https://royalhistsoc.org/royal-historical-society-by-laws/>)

Appointment of Auditors.

In line with By-law XXXIX, Tudor John Accounts Ltd. of Nightingale House, 46-48 East Street, Epsom, Surrey, KT 1HQ, were duly appointed as the auditors of the Royal Historical Society.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.