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PROCEEDINGS OF
THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HELLENIC STUDIES 2018–2019

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 3.30pm on Saturday 8th June 2019 in the Woburn Suite of Senate House, Malet Street, London. The President, Professor Judith Mossman, was in the chair. She welcomed members and introduced the Officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Professor Mossman discussed the activities of the Council and committees during the past year, beginning with the programme of events. Professor Mossman thanked Professor Catherine Morgan for a splendid lecture and praised the variety of the programme of lectures (listed below), noting that all were very well received, in particular the joint event with the Anglo Hellenic League, which was sold out. She encouraged members to book their places at the upcoming joint SPRS conference ‘Saving Ancient Treasures for the World’ and, if attending the F.I.E.C. Congress, to come along to the Society’s panel celebrating its 140 years. Professor Mossman also reported that, after 11 years, Ms Richella Doyle, the Society’s Executive Secretary, was leaving the Society to move with her family to Barcelona. Professor Mossman noted the Society, in particular the Officers, would miss her very much and proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr Peter Lennon, Honorary Treasurer, spoke to the Society’s accounts. He reported that the surplus (before net losses on investments) in 2018 amounted to £162,706, compared to a reported deficit in 2017 of £183,046. He explained that there were three main factors behind this favourable movement: firstly, in 2018 the Society made no further major donations to HARL, whereas in 2017 it had made a one-off donation of £150,000; secondly, the 2018 publication income of £161,432 included £77,318 in respect of the 2017 journals, which the Society was unable to recognize in its 2017 accounts owing to the delayed publication of the 2017 journals; thirdly, the Society received in 2018 an exceptional donation of £75,000 to establish a visiting lectureship fund. The Society’s main regular source of income continues to be publication income from Cambridge University Press in respect of its two journals (*JHS* and *AR*). Income in respect of the 2018 publication year was £84,114 (2017: £77,318). Members’ subscriptions (including gift aid) decreased by 8% to £53,659. A gift aid claim for 2018 has been submitted to HMRC and will be recognized in the 2019 SOFA. Investment income decreased by 8% to £38,880, although this remains within the mandate given to the Society’s investment advisers, Rathbones. Total costs (excluding investment costs) amounted to £242,240 (2017: £381,718). Excluding the donation of £150,000 to HARL in 2017, total costs increased by £10,522. Of this increase, *ca.* £13,000 was due to the delayed accrual of 2017 publication costs for *JHS* and *AR*; this was offset by some £9,000 reduction in payments to HARL under the agreement for funding the Joint Library. Payments to HARL are the Society’s largest single expense, amounting to £102,854 (2017: £112,488). Mr Lennon noted that the Society’s year-end cash balance decreased to £140,798 (2017: £190,131), excluding cash and short-term deposits held in the investment portfolio. Of the Society’s reported surplus of £162,706 (2017: £183,046 deficit), £43,295 was income represented by non-cash items (2017: £36,515). Net investment losses were £105,820 (2017: £65,089 gain). Overall, the value of the investment portfolio decreased to £1,327,432 (2017: £1,379,880). The decline was principally caused by the fall in world equity markets in the final quarter of 2018. Mr Lennon reported that since the year end the portfolio has appreciated in value and the latest quarterly valuation of the portfolio at 31st March 2019 was £1,395,334. The adoption of the 2018 accounts was proposed by Professor Mossman and seconded by Dr Margaret Mountford. They were adopted *nem. con.*, and Professor Mossman thanked Mr Lennon and Ms Doyle for their work in preparing the accounts and communicating with the auditors.

The AGM approved by unanimous agreement Council’s recommendation that full membership subscriptions be raised to £58 and by majority agreement with one vote against that life membership subscriptions should be extended from five to ten years.

Professor Mossman proposed Dr Mountford for re-election as Honorary Secretary, seconded by Mr Lennon. Her election was approved.

For re-election as Vice Presidents: Professor Mossman proposed Professor Pat Easterling, seconded by Dr Paola Ceccarelli; Professor Lin Foxhall proposed Professor Robert Fowler, seconded by Dr David Thomas; Ms Amelia Dowler proposed Mr Brian Gilmore, seconded by Dr Thomas; Dr Ceccarelli proposed Mr George Lemos, seconded by Mr Lennon; Professor Mossman proposed Dr Pantelis Michelakis, seconded by Dr Mountford; Ms Dowler proposed Professor Robin Osborne, seconded by Dr Thomas; Dr Ceccarelli proposed Professor Christopher Rowe, seconded by Dr Mountford; Ms Dowler proposed Professor Ken Saunders, seconded by Professor Mossman; Professor Mossman proposed Professor Malcolm Schofield, seconded by Dr Mountford; Professor Foxhall proposed Professor Brian Sparkes, seconded by Ms Dowler; Dr Ceccarelli proposed Dr Thomas, seconded by Mr Lennon. All were elected unanimously.

Professor Mossman noted that brief biographies had been provided with this year's Council nominations.

For election as Members of Council: Professor Mossman proposed Professor Roderick Beaton, seconded by Dr Mountford; Professor Foxhall proposed Dr Joseph Skinner, seconded by Dr Mountford; Professor Mossman proposed Dr Andrea Capra, seconded by Dr Ceccarelli; Ms Dowler proposed Dr Rosa Andujar, seconded by Dr Mountford; Professor Mossman proposed Ms Tatiana Bur, seconded by Mr Lennon. All were elected unanimously.

The AGM approved the resolution that Council be authorized to appoint auditors for the accounting reference period 1st January to 31st December 2019.

Ms Doyle was warmly thanked by the President and members. Council presented her with a gift and bouquet of flowers, and the meeting was drawn to a close.

SOCIETY EVENTS 2018–2019

Thursday 11th October 2018, Senate House: 'The politics of Greece's theatrical revolution, *ca.* 500 to *ca.* 300 BC', Professor Peter Wilson (Sydney).

Tuesday 12th February 2019, The Hellenic Centre: 'We are going where? TV and classics, now in the future', Professor Michael Scott (Warwick), in association with the Anglo-Hellenic League.

Tuesday 5th March 2019, Senate House: 'Memorialisation', a panel discussion in association with the Roman Society: 'The Athenian funeral speeches: commemoration, exhortation, justification and glorification', Dr Jon Hesk (St Andrews); 'Colours of memory in South Italian funerary painting', Dr Tiziana D'Angelo (Nottingham); 'Mini memorials: the possessions of the Roman dead as objects of memory', Dr Valerie Hope (The Open University).

Thursday 9th May 2019, The Hellenic Centre: 'Sinop Kale Excavations: investigations of an early Greek settlement on the Turkish Black Sea coast', Dr Jane Rempel (Sheffield).

Saturday 8th June 2019, Senate House: 'Writing histories in the Ionian archipelago', Professor Catherine Morgan (Oxford).

Wednesday 3rd July 2019, Senate House: 'Saving Ancient Treasures for the World', a conference in association with the Roman Society. Lectures: 'A digital archive supporting Syrian heritage', Dr Karin Pütt (Syrian Heritage Archive Project, Berlin); 'The human dimension: supporting the intellectual and social infrastructure of heritage in conflict and beyond', Professor Eleanor Robson (UCL); 'The destruction, preservation and restoration of cultural heritage in Iraq', Dr John Curtis (Iran Heritage Foundation); 'ISIS and Al-Qaeda: their destruction of cultural heritage', Colonel Matthew Bogdanos (Antiquities Trafficking Unit, NY District Attorney's Office); 'A licence to loot or archaeological rescue? The Portable Antiquities Scheme in England and Wales', Professor Roger Bland (formerly Keeper of the Department of Britain, Europe and Prehistory, British Museum).

- Friday 5th to Monday 8th July 2019, UCL Institute of Education, Senate House, and the Clore Management Centre, Birkbeck: F.I.E.C. 2019 Congress. Plenary lectures: ‘Homer and Miletus: the early history of the *Iliad*’, Professor Hans van Wees (UCL); ‘Epicurean postures in Martial’s *Epigrams*’, Professor Alison Keith (Toronto); ‘Tackling the complexity of polytheisms: cult epithets as a language’, Professor Corinne Bonnet (Toulouse); ‘Metalepsis in ancient Greek literature and criticism? The limits of narratology in classics’, Professor Jonas Grethlein (Heidelberg); ‘Travel, the Enlightenment, and the formation of Classical Greece’, Professor Alastair Blanshard (Queensland); ‘Cattle and other animals in the Catalogue of Women’, Professor Paula da Cunha Corrêa (São Paulo); ‘*Dulce et decorum*: dying for the fatherland (or not) in ancient Rome’, Professor Ida Östenberg (Gothenburg).
- Saturday 6th to Sunday 7th July 2019, Durham University: ‘Plato on Comedy’, SPHS Regional Conference. Lecturers: Dr Andrea Capra (Durham); Nikos Charalabopoulos (Patras); Professor Gabriele Cornelli (University of Brasilia); Dr Jonathan Fine (Yale); Dr Fritz-Gregor Herrmann (Swansea); Dr Anthony Hooper (Durham); Professor Richard Hunter (Cambridge); Dr Christopher Keime (Cambridge); Dr Rebecca Lämmle (Cambridge); Dr Birte Loschenkohl (Essex); Professor Kathryn Morgan (UCLA); Professor Sonja Tanner (UCCS).
- Wednesday 16th October 2019, Senate House: ‘Homer Today’, a panel discussion with Professor Nicoletta Momigliano, Professor Edith Hall and A.E. Stallings, chaired by Martha Kearney in aid of HARL.
- Thursday 21st November 2019, The Hellenic Centre: ‘Passionate lacunae: towards a new edition of Sappho’, Professor Patrick Finglass (Bristol).