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PROCEEDINGS OF
THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HELLENIC STUDIES 2009–2010

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 3pm on Saturday 12th June 2010 in room ST274/5, Stewart House, 32 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DN. The President, Professor Malcolm Schofield, FBA, was in the chair and welcomed members.

A minute silence was held respecting the memory of Sir Kenneth Dover FRSE, FBA (1920–2010), former President of the Society (1971–1974), who had also endowed the Dover fund, Chancellor of the University of St Andrews 1981–2005, President of Corpus Christi College Oxford 1976–1986, President of the British Academy 1978–1981.

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed and signed. Professor Schofield highlighted the activities of the Council and Committees during the past year. In respect of the **journals** (*Journal of Hellenic Studies*, *Archaeological Reports*) Professor Schofield announced that the Society had agreed to engage Cambridge University Press as publisher. The new partnership would refresh the image of the journals through new cover designs and increase their accessibility through online publication. *Archaeological Reports*, in response to the introduction of the ‘Archaeology in Greece Online’ database (<http://chronique.efa.gr/index.php/>; a collaboration between the British School at Athens and the École française d’Athènes), had adopted a revised format to include an abridged version of *Archaeology in Greece* highlighting major finds, but with web-links to other material, and the annual lecture of the Director of the British School at Athens, previously unpublished. The editors hoped this revised format would engage a wider readership. Professor Schofield announced that Dr Roger Brock (University of Leeds) had been appointed to succeed Dr Angus Bowie as Editor of *JHS* and that Dr Matthew Wright (University of Exeter) had been appointed to succeed Dr Polly Low as Reviews Editor. He praised the dedication of Dr Bowie and Dr Low who would continue as editors until the 2011 edition of *JHS* was underway.

The relocation of the **Joint Library** to the third floor of the South Block, Senate House in August 2009 had been widely welcomed by the librarians and readers alike. The refurbished facilities provide members with excellent research facilities with the majority of the collection available on open access.

Further changes to the governance of the Society included the establishment of a **Grants Committee** to facilitate the more efficient processing of applications. An ad-hoc Governance Committee dedicated to the revision of the Rules had concluded their work with the presentation of the revised Rules to the AGM. Professor Schofield praised in particular Mr Paul Irving for the quality of his work in tirelessly drafting successive versions.

The Society’s **Events** in 2009–2010 exploited the fact that the major museums had undergone facelifts and refurbishments in recent years. Professor Schofield thanked the curators and staff for their energy and hospitality, namely: Helen Dorey (Sir John Soane Museum, London), Lucilla Burn (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge), Susan Walker and Anja Ulbrich (Ashmolean Museum, Oxford), Lesley Fitton, Ian Jenkins, Giorgos Bourogiannis and Thomas Kiely (The British Museum, London). It was noted that the forthcoming event on Socrates with Paul Cartledge and Bettany Hughes had been arranged for Tuesday 16th November 2010 (Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall, London). Professor Schofield also highlighted a schools event on Greek drama being sponsored by the Society at Bristol University. If successful, it was hoped the Society could sponsor similar activities elsewhere in the UK.

It was reported that the **membership** of the Society had suffered in recent years. In this regard the Council of the Society had proposed the appointment of a Membership officer to recruit and retain members. It was envisaged the role would focus and build upon what the Society offers its current members.

Dr David Thomas (Honorary Treasurer) presented the **2009 Accounts** for adoption. He noted that in recent years the treatment of the library had been opaque. In 2009 only the Society's own portion of income and expenditure is shown in the Society's accounts, rather than the Joint Library figures being brought in gross and the Roman Society's contribution being shown expressly. The exercise to achieve this and to recognize the restricted status of certain library-related funds (book fund, Joint Library reserve fund) also threw up some corrections to previous years' figures, the net effect of which was positive for the Society's reserves.

It was reported that the final form of the 2009 accounts showed a cash surplus of £19,039. This improvement was the result of three main factors: increased royalties received from JStor, cost savings in the production of the journals and a reduction by one in the senior library staff. Other small positive variances were unfortunately offset by continuing falls in membership numbers, not so much in institutional subscribers as in individual full members and especially in student associates.

2009 was a good year for the Society's investments with most of the losses on the Society's investment portfolio in 2008 won back in 2009. The Society replaced the investment manager early in the year and liquidated the equity portfolio it had assembled. The Society purchased a somewhat larger holding in Veritas Global Equity Income Fund, a fund which places strong weight on sustainable dividend expectations in its choice of underlying investments. Partly as a result of increasing the exposure to equities near the bottom of the market and partly as a result of the subsequent improvement in the markets as a whole, investments on the balance sheet increased over the year from £481,787 to £706,815.

The Society had also signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding (24th June 2009) with the University of London regarding the finances of the Combined Library, which greatly increased space charges. It was not clear what the effect of the increased charges would be in 2010, since there were delays in 2009 in relocating the library and there were further delays in completing the fit-out to the agreed standard. However, in a full year, the increase in cost to the Society would be circa £23,000, slightly larger than the 2009 cash surplus, highlighting a continuing need to increase income if all the Society's activities are to be sustained in the long-term. Professor Mike Edwards proposed and Dr Lucilla Burn seconded the adoption of the 2009 Accounts. The 2009 Accounts were unanimously adopted.

In light of the need to increase the Society's income Dr Thomas requested the AGM approve a rise in **members' subscriptions**: from £41.00 to £47.00 (full membership) and from £22.00 to £25.00 (student membership). It had been agreed there would be no change to Life subscriptions, however, it was suggested that Life members consider making donations to the Society. The increase to member subscriptions was proposed by Professor Mike Edwards and seconded by Mr Stephen Anderson. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

Professor Schofield presented the **revised Rules** of the Society for approval by the AGM. The revision had grown from a need to improve the organization and refresh the language of the Rules and to review the governance of the Society. The duties and powers of Council and the roles of the Officers had been defined. The provision for an Extraordinary General Meeting had also been included. It was noted that overseas members were entitled to borrow books from the Joint Library if residing temporarily in the UK (item 5).

The revised Rules were proposed by Mr Paul Irving and seconded by Dr Myrto Hatzimichali. The revised Rules were unanimously adopted.

Ms Anne Wright proposed and Mr John Hazel seconded the following nominations:

for re-election as Honorary Secretary: Dr. Pantelis Michelakis;

for re-election as Honorary Treasurer: Dr. David Thomas;

for re-election as Vice-Presidents: Professor Pat Easterling, Mr Brian Gilmore, Professor Eric Handley, Mr George Lemos, Professor Robin Osborne, Professor Christopher Rowe, Professor Ken Saunders and Professor Brian Sparkes;

for re-election as Auditors: Larkings Chartered Accountants, 31 St George's Place, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1XD;

for election as Members of Council (to serve 2010–2013): Dr Stephen Colvin (UCL), Miss Holly Eckhardt (Manchester Grammar School), Mr Nicholas Kroll (BBC Trust), Dr Lynette Mitchell (University of Exeter), Ms Margaret Mountford (lawyer and PhD student, UCL), Dr Dan Stewart (University of Leicester), Dr John Taylor (Tonbridge School).

The nominations were unanimously adopted and the proceedings were drawn to a close.

SOCIETY EVENTS 2009–2010

Thursday 28th January 2010, Helen Dorey FSA. Private candlelit tour of Sir John Soane's Museum. Sir John Soane's Museum, London.

Saturday 27th February 2010, Dr Lucilla Burn. Greece and Rome at the Fitzwilliam Museum: the new gallery and a chance to go behind the scenes. Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

Saturday 24th April 2010, Dr Susan Walker. Private tour of the new Antiquities galleries. Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Thursday 20th May 2010, Dr Lesley Fitton and colleagues. Greece and Rome, a behind the scenes tour. The British Museum, London.

Saturday 12th June 2010, Professor Alan Sommerstein, *Sophocles the Sensationalist or Tragic One-Upmanship*.

Saturday 12th June 2010, Professor Barbara Goff, '*Greek is simply another language*': *classics in the education of Africans under British colonial government*.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HELLENIC STUDIES

Name

1. The name of the Society is the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies.

Objects

2. The Objects of the Society shall be—
 - (a) to promote the study of Greek language, literature, art and thought;
 - (b) to advance the knowledge of the history of the Greek lands and peoples from antiquity to the present day; and
 - (c) to improve understanding of the Greek contribution to civilization by the maintenance of a Library, by the publication of a Journal periodically, and by any other means which, in the opinion of the Council, are desirable.

Members

3. Membership of the Society is open to individuals (Ordinary Members) and companies and institutions (Corporate Members) on payment of the annual subscription and shall also include not more than 40 British and Foreign Honorary Members proposed by the Council and elected at a General Meeting of the Society. The number of British Honorary Members shall not exceed ten.
4. There shall be such classes of ordinary membership as may be determined at a General Meeting of the Society.
5. Ordinary Members and Honorary Members shall be entitled to receive a copy of the Journal and (if published) the Archaeological Reports and to use the Library and borrow books.
6. Individuals who are not members may take out a subscription which entitles them to receive a copy of the Archaeological Reports (if published). Such subscribers shall pay such sums, or pay in accordance with such arrangements, as the Honorary Treasurer may determine, subject to the directions of the Council.
7. Institutions which are not Corporate Members may take out a subscription which entitles them to receive a copy of the Journal and (if published) the Archaeological Reports. Such subscribers shall pay such sums, or pay in accordance with such arrangements, as the Honorary Treasurer may determine, subject to the directions of the Council.
8. Corporate Members shall be listed in the Journal for each year of their membership and may nominate up to five members of their staff to use the Library.
9. The Annual Subscription of Members shall be payable and due on the 1st of January each year. The amount of the subscription shall be determined at a General Meeting of the Society. An Ordinary Member of not less than five years' standing may compound for this subscription at or over the age of sixty-five by a single payment of a sum five times the Annual Subscription at the time of composition, entitling him or her to be a Member of the Society for life, without further payment.
10. Individuals who become Members after the 1st of September in any given year may either pay a subscription for that year and receive the Journal and (if published) the Archaeological Reports, or pay a subscription for the following year, in which case they shall be entitled to use the Library and enjoy any other benefits of membership from the date of payment of the subscription, but will not receive copies of the Journal and Reports until the following year.
11. When any Member of the Society is six months in arrears in paying the Annual Subscription, the Executive Secretary or Treasurer shall send a reminder of the arrears due, and in case of non-payment within six months after date of such notice, such defaulting Member shall cease to be a Member of the Society, unless the Council make an order to the contrary.

Student Associates

12. Undergraduate and graduate students from Universities and other institutions of higher education of the United Kingdom and of any other country in the world may be admitted as Student Associates in accordance with regulations made by the Council.
13. Student Associates shall be entitled to use the Library and borrow books, and to receive a copy of the Journal and (if published) the Archaeological Reports.
14. Every Student Associate must be proposed by a person occupying a recognised position in the University or other institution of higher education to which the candidate belongs.
15. Student Associates shall pay an Annual Subscription less than Ordinary Members, the amount to be determined at a General Meeting of the Society. The subscription shall be payable and due on the 1st of January each year.

Associated Institutions

16. Educational institutions may be admitted as Associated Institutions in accordance with regulations made by the Council and shall, subject to payment of the annual subscription determined at a General Meeting of the Society, enjoy such entitlements as may be specified in those regulations.

The Council

17. The governing body of the Society shall be the Council, and members of the Council shall be trustees of the Society for the purpose of the Charities Act 2006.
18. The Council shall consist of—
 - (a) the President;
 - (b) the Honorary Treasurer;
 - (c) the Honorary Secretary; and
 - (d) such number of Ordinary Members as may be proposed by the Council and elected at the Annual General Meeting.
19. The members of the Council elected from among the Ordinary Members shall retire three years after their election and shall not be eligible for re-election for the following year.
20. Not more than seven Ordinary Members shall be elected in any one year.
21. The editors of the Journal and (if published) the Archaeological Reports and the Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend, but not to vote at, Council meetings.

Duties of the Council

22. It shall be the duty of the Council to manage the business of the Society and in particular—
 - (a) to consider and establish the strategy and objectives of the Society;
 - (b) to ensure compliance with the Objects of the Society set out in the Rules;
 - (c) to approve policies, plans and budgets to achieve the Society's objectives and to monitor performance against them;
 - (d) to exercise guardianship over and ensure effective management of the Society's assets and resources for the purpose of furthering the Objects of the Society;
 - (e) to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and take professional advice where necessary;
 - (f) to control all publications issued by the Society and the arrangements for management of the Library in conjunction with such other learned societies and/or educational institutions as it shall see fit;
 - (g) to prepare an Annual Report and Accounts for submission to the Annual General Meeting for approval and subsequent circulation to all Members;
 - (h) to recommend persons for election at the Annual General Meeting as President,

- Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and as Auditors of the Society;
- (i) having invited Ordinary Members of the Society to make nominations of persons to serve as members of the Council, to propose names for election at the Annual General Meeting;
 - (j) to satisfy itself, after making such enquiries as it sees fit, that those it proposes for office or membership of the Council are suitable to act in that capacity and that they receive appropriate induction and training.
23. No member of the Council may receive any payment of money or other material benefit (whether direct or indirect) from the Society except reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the administration of the Society or as provided by Rule 24.
24. Any Council member who possesses specialist skills or knowledge, and any firm or company of which such a person is a member or employee, may charge and be paid reasonable fees for work carried out for the Society on the instructions of other members of the Council but—
- (a) at no time shall a majority of the members of the Council benefit under this provision; and
 - (b) a member of the Council shall withdraw from any meeting at which his or her own instruction or remuneration, or that of his or her company or firm is under discussion.

Powers of the Council

25. The Council has powers—
- (a) to invest the moneys of the Society not immediately required for the furtherance of its objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, provided that the Society shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money to or between any of its Members;
 - (b) to make grants;
 - (c) to raise funds;
 - (d) to employ staff (who shall not be members of the Council);
 - (e) to appoint Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties to carry out specific functions on its behalf;
 - (f) to propose Honorary Members for election at the Annual General Meeting;
 - (g) to propose Vice-Presidents for election at the Annual General Meeting;
 - (h) for the purpose of exercising the functions under Rule 22(f), to make rules for the use of the Library and the borrowing of books (including rules regulating the borrowing of books by post and providing for an appropriate charge to be made for this facility);
 - (i) to remove from office the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary;
 - (j) to exercise such other functions as are conferred under these Rules.
26. The Council may delegate any of its powers or functions to a Committee, Sub-Committee or Working Party appointed by it, or to any of the Principal Officers.
27. The Council may appoint from among the Members of the Society the editors of the Journal and of the Archaeological Reports, and a Membership Officer and a Development Officer, and delegate to each of them powers to act within the scope of this appointment.
28. The Council may alter or revoke a delegation.
29. All acts and proceedings of any Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties must be fully and promptly reported to the Council.

Proceedings of the Council

30. The Council shall meet as often as it may deem necessary for the despatch of business, and in any event no less than three times a year. Due notice of each such meeting shall be sent to each member of the Council by the Executive Secretary.

31. Nine members of the Council, of whom at least one must be an officer of the Society, shall be a quorum.
32. All questions before the Council shall be determined by a majority of votes. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.
33. The Executive Secretary shall summon a Special Meeting of the Council if requested to do so on a receipt of a letter signed by at least four members of the Council.
34. A member of the Council shall cease to hold office if he or she—
 - (a) is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment of that provision);
 - (b) ceases to be a Member of the Society;
 - (c) resigns as a member of the Council by notice to the Society;
 - (d) becomes ineligible by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his/her own affairs;
 - (e) is absent for three consecutive meetings of the Council, unless the Council determine that there is sufficient cause for such absence.
35. In the event of the death or vacation of office under Rule 34 of a member of the Council before the end of his or her term, the Council may co-opt a member until the next Annual General Meeting. A member so appointed may be subsequently elected for a full term without an interval.

Officers

36. The officers of the Society shall be the President, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary ('the Principal Officers'), the Vice-Presidents, the Executive Secretary and any officer appointed under Rule 27.

The President

37. The President shall be elected from among the Members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting for a term of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election in the following three years.
38. The President shall—
 - (a) ensure the efficient conduct of business at the Annual and Special General meetings and meetings of the Council and its Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties, and between meetings;
 - (b) be an ex-officio member of and chair meetings of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties of the Council;
 - (c) represent the Society at meetings with outside parties;
 - (d) advise the Council on matters of strategy relating to the business of the Society.

The Honorary Treasurer

39. The Honorary Treasurer shall be elected on the recommendation of the Council from among the Members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting for a period of three years after which he/she will be eligible for up to two further three-year terms.
40. The Honorary Treasurer shall—
 - (a) oversee the preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts;
 - (b) advise the Council on the setting of financial and investment policies;
 - (c) receive on account of the Society subscriptions, donations or other moneys accruing to the Society's funds.

The Honorary Secretary

41. The Honorary Secretary shall be elected on the recommendation of the Council from among the Members of the Society at the Annual General meeting for a period of three years after which he/she shall be eligible for up to two further three-year terms.
42. The Honorary Secretary shall—
 - (a) oversee the preparation of the minutes of meetings of the Council and the Society and the preparation of the Agenda for those meetings;
 - (b) preside at meetings of the Society or the Council in the absence of the President.

The Executive Secretary

43. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Principal Officers, who shall determine the terms of the appointment and the duties (in addition to the duties provided by these Rules) which the Executive Secretary is to perform.

Vice-Presidents

44. Vice-Presidents shall be elected from among the Members of the Society on the recommendation of the Council at the Annual General Meeting for a term of one year after which they will be eligible for re-election.

Auditor

45. An auditor, who shall not be a member of the Council (and need not be a Member of the Society), shall be elected for each year at the Annual General Meeting.

Meetings of the Society

46. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in May or June of each year to report on the business of the Society, to present the Annual Reports and Accounts and the report of the Auditor, to elect Ordinary Members to membership of the Council, to elect the Principal Officers at the intervals prescribed by the Rules and the Auditors, and to discuss or determine other business notified in advance to the Council.
47. Except in respect of matters which the Rules require to be determined at a General Meeting, a determination of a General Meeting shall be advisory only.
48. The Council may call a Special Meeting at any time on giving not less than three weeks' notice to Members and must call a Special Meeting if requested to do so on receipt of a letter signed by 25 or more Members. Special Meetings and the Annual General Meeting are referred to in these Rules as General Meetings.
49. The date of the next Annual General Meeting shall be published in the Annual Report. Members resident in the United Kingdom shall also receive a Notice of the Annual General Meeting, issued at least three weeks before the Meeting. Overseas Members will be sent this notice on application to the Executive Secretary.
50. All motions made at a General Meeting shall be in writing and shall be signed by the mover and seconder. No motion shall be submitted, unless notice of it has been given to the Executive Secretary at least four weeks before the General Meeting (this requirement does not apply to amendments tabled to a motion previously submitted).
51. All Members and Student Associates shall be entitled to attend General Meetings, but only Members shall be entitled to vote.
52. The elections of the Ordinary Members of the Council, Principal Officers, Vice-Presidents and Auditor at the Annual General Meeting shall be by a majority of the votes of those present. The Chairman of a General Meeting shall have a casting vote.
53. Upon any vacancy in the Presidency occurring between the Annual Elections, one of the

Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Council to officiate as President until the next Annual General Meeting.

54. All vacancies among the other Principal Officers of the Society occurring between the same dates shall in like manner be provisionally filled up by the Council until the next Annual General Meeting.

Chairing of Meetings

55. The President shall, when present, preside at all General Meetings of the Society, and of the Council and of Committees or Sub-Committees of the Council. In the absence of the President, the Honorary Secretary, or if the Committee or Sub-Committee relates to a function of the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Treasurer, shall preside instead, and in the absence of the Honorary Secretary or the Honorary Treasurer, the Council or Committees or Sub-Committees shall appoint one of their Members to preside.

Funds

56. The Honorary Treasurer or the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Honorary Treasurer shall receive, on account of the Society, all membership subscriptions, donations or other moneys accruing to Society funds. Cheques drawn on the Society's account with a value greater than a figure to be stipulated by the Council from time to time must bear two signatures, normally those of the Honorary Treasurer and Executive Secretary. In the absence of either of these, another officer of the Society, or any other person approved by the Council, whose name and signature shall be lodged with the Society's bankers, may be the second signatory. Cheques not exceeding the stipulated amount may be issued with one signature, but the total amount thus drawn may not exceed ten times the stipulated amount in any one month.

Patrons

57. Individuals wishing to support the Society by substantial annual donations, the minimum such amount to be determined at the Annual General Meeting, shall be considered Patrons of the Society. Patrons shall be listed in the Journal for each year of their patronage and shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirement under Rule 3 to pay annual subscriptions.

Resignation from the Society

58. Members intending to leave the Society must send a formal note of resignation to the Secretary on or before the 1st of January; otherwise they will be held liable for the subscription for the current year.

Expulsion from the Society

59. If at any time there may appear cause for the expulsion of a Member of the Society, a Special Meeting of the Council, for which fifteen Members shall be a quorum, shall be convened to consider the case. The Member concerned shall be informed of the complaints against him/her in writing, and invited to respond to them at the Special Meeting, either in person or in writing. If at least two-thirds of the Members present at the Special Meeting shall concur in a resolution for expulsion, the President shall submit the resolution for confirmation at the next Council Meeting, after which the person in question shall cease to be a member of the Society. The expulsion is subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting. Should the case for expulsion include theft or mutilation of Library books, or other serious breach of Library rules, the privilege of Library use shall be suspended for the Member concerned as soon as the Librarian has informed the Officers of the Society and the Member of the complaint, in writing.

Changes to the Rules

60. Subject to Rule 61, the Rules of the Society may be amended by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting at a General Meeting. The notice of the meeting must include notice of the resolution setting out the terms of the amendment proposed.
61. No changes may be made to Rules 2, 23 and 24, 63 and this Rule without the prior written approval of the Charity Commission.
62. A copy of any resolution amending these Rules must be promptly sent to the Charity Commission.

Dissolution

63. If the Council decides that is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Society it shall call a meeting of all Members of the Society, of which not less than twenty-one days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Council shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Society. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Society as the Members of the Society may determine or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose. A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement, for the final accounting period of the Society must be sent to the Charity Commission.

12th June 2010