

LONDON MEDIEVAL SOCIETY

DRAFT Minutes of the AGM held at 1.30pm on 25 April 2009 at the Lock Keeper's Cottage, Queen Mary, University of London, taken by Tom Hodgson-Jones.

Before the AGM started, Karen Pratt passed on the news that Marianne Wynn's – honorary life member and former president of the society – had died; there was a silence in her honour.

1. Apologies

RECEIVED: from Miri Rubin, Alan Deyermond.

2. Minutes of the AGM on 23 February 2008

APPROVED: as an accurate record of the meeting's proceedings.

3. Matters arising: membership

NOTED: that the overseas scholars plan was still a work in progress; society members would be encouraged to inform the LMS if they were aware of visitors intending to visit from abroad.

4. Secretaries Reports

NOTED that the newly overhauled website was up and running and was popular with members attending colloquium. Members were asked to report any problems or issues to Tom Hodgson-Jones. Members with fliers or posters regarding upcoming events were asked to post electronic versions to Tom Hodgson-Jones

NOTED That this year's colloquia had gone well.

5. Treasurer's report on the year 2007/8 and 2008/9 colloquia

NOTED: that in the last two colloquia of the 2007-8 period membership had been up and the income had been £537.50. Costs had been £204.48 leading to an overall profit of £333.02. As of 9/8/2008, funds stood £1066.60. The November 2008 colloquium brought an income of £300.69 – attendance was high and there were a large number of membership renewals – with costs of £85.55 producing a profit of £215.14. The February 2009 colloquium produced an income of £60.63 – attendance was low – against costs of £144.30 – largely due to speakers' travel expenses – producing a loss of £83.67. Funds in April 2009 stood at £1309.24. The Website bill was £216.00. Total funds as of 25/4/09 stood at £1093.24.

6. Election of committee for 2009/10

NOTED: that Gopa Roy would be standing down as Colloquium Secretary and Pirkko Koppinen would be standing down as Treasurer.

AGREED: that Miri Rubin would continue as President; that Michael Clanchy had agreed to remain as patron; that Rob Ellis would take over as Treasurer and Co-Secretary (membership); that Kati Ihnat take over as Colloquium Secretary; that Tom Hodgson-Jones would continue as Co-Secretary (publicity); Diane Heath would join the committee.

7. Colloquium dates and topics for 2009/10

NOTED: that colloquia would continue to be held at the Lock Keeper's Cottage, QMUL; and that the dates for next year's colloquia were as follows:
Autumn Colloquium on 21 November 2009
Spring Colloquium on 20 February 2010
Summer Colloquium 'Postgraduates Present' on 24 April 2010.

DISCUSSED: possible topics for colloquia:
'Jerusalem'
'Marriage'
'Disability and the Marginalised'
'Justice/Injustice'
'Patronage' (generally agreed to be too small on its own).

AGREED: that the topics would be finalised at the next LMS committee meeting.

8. Next Years AGM.

DISCUSSED the relative merits of holding the AGM at the spring or summer colloquia.

AGREED that the decision would be finalised at the next committee meeting.

9. Any other business

NOTED: Karen thanked Pirkko Koppinen and Gopa Roy for their hard work for the society.

AGREED that Gopa Roy would receive honorary life membership of the society.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.00pm.