

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Jesus Old Members Group held via Zoom on 3rd March 2022

Those attending: Peter May (Chairman); Paul Seward (Secretary); George Reah (Treasurer); Andy Simpson, Richard Cosier, Norman Wright and Malcolm McIvor (all Committee Members or Co-opted onto the Committee); David Pick, John Wilson, Murray Hallam, Chris Butterfield and Paul Herrington.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Jill Kent, Denzel Jones and John Blore.

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all attendees.

1. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

The approval of the minutes from the 2021 meeting was proposed by Murray Hallam, seconded by George Reah and carried.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced his report for the year 2021-22 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He was pleased to report that the Group had successfully restarted its activities through a delayed Old Members' Day, a visit to the British Library and more recently the start up of JCR meetings. He was also grateful to Andy Simpson for taking over the role of Newsletter Editor and providing a refreshingly different first edition. He looked forward to the resurrection of the Zoom JCR meetings enabling those who are not London-based to enjoy a virtual night out, and to the 2022 programme which hopefully will include a visit to the William Morris Gallery in May, the Old Members' Day on the 25th June (with the attendees providing some ideas for that day) and a visit to Chichester (looking at the Cathedral and a vineyard) in September. The Group needs members to offer ideas for future visits, especially visits away from the London area, and recognises that local knowledge can significantly increase the enjoyment that can be obtained from visiting an area; the attendees were able to offer some ideas for future years but lots more are needed.

The report was received.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's Report and Membership Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2021 were introduced by the Treasurer. The accounts and statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts showed no activity as due to Covid no events were held during the year. The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by Paul Seward, seconded by Peter May and carried.

The accounts showed that the Group still holds over £4,000 donated by members towards outreach, especially to the encouragement of links to Welsh schools. The Committee would like to see these funds used within the next five years; the next potential use of those funds is to support the visit of four schools to Oxford (one visit having taken place and one is scheduled), the provision of prizes at the end of 6th formers' week and the encouragement of teachers (possibly through visits to Oxford) whose pupils are involved in an online Physics Initiative in Wales organised by Les Ball (an alumni of Wadham).

4. Election of officers and of members of the Committee

The two existing officers of the Committee: Paul Seward (Secretary), George Reah (Treasurer) had volunteered to continue, albeit George Reah indicated his wish to hand over the role of Treasurer as soon as a volunteer can be found. Peter May (Chairman), Norman Wright (Webmaster), Richard Cosier (Membership Secretary), Andy Simpson (Newsletter Editor) and Malcolm McIvor had volunteered to be Committee members. The constitution only allows four of the volunteers to be elected members with the fifth volunteer being co-opted as allowed under the Constitution.

The meeting was therefore asked to support the election of Paul Seward (Secretary) and George Reah (Treasurer) as officers of the Group. The election of the Secretary was proposed by David Pick, seconded by Murray Hallam and carried. The election of the Treasurer was proposed by Paul Seward, seconded by Peter May and carried.

The meeting was also asked to support the election of Peter May, Norman Wright, Richard Cosier and Andy Simpson as Committee members of the Group. Their election was proposed by George Reah, seconded by David Pick and carried.

The Committee indicated their decision to co-opt Malcom McIvor onto the Committee.

As the Committee was seeking another Treasurer and to find some new members, the meeting was informed that the Committee would put forward to an EGM a rule change which would increase the size of the Committee to enable changes of membership to be undertaken more easily.

5. Other business

No other business had been notified to the Secretary.

Arun Joseph, a DPhil postgraduate, joined the meeting and gave the attendees a talk on 'Ventilator Weaning and Extubation in Neurocritical Care'. In addition to working towards a DPhil, Arun does some teaching and works at a local hospital as a critical respiratory physiotherapist. He was able to explain really well the difficulties of weaning off patients from ventilators, and that the timing varies dependent upon the individual and is totally reliant on the expertise of the medical staff, leading to the sub-optimisation of the process in 30% of patients; he is hoping to develop methods of working that rely more on monitoring data and to develop mechanisms for providing that data. The work has the backing of staff working in that area both in this country and abroad, and will take at least five years. He has offered to keep us up to date with his work as it develops.

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