

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

UNCONFIRMED Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Lincoln College, Oxford, Tuesday 12th April 2011 at 4.30pm.

Present: Anthony Lappin (President, in the Chair), Robert Avis (Executive Assistant, taking minutes), Sarah Baccianti, Mishtooni Bose (Vice-President), David Bowe, Kenneth Clarke, Johannes Depnering, Helen Swift (Vice-President), Sethina Watson, Victoria Flood.

1. Apologies were received from, among others, Jane Roberts, Nigel Palmer, David Rundle, Magnus Ryan.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th April 2010.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Annual Report for 2010.

The President tabled the report on behalf of the Committee and invited questions. The Report was approved (proposed: Mishtooni Bose; seconded: Helen Swift).

4. Acceptance of the Accounts for 2010.

The Executive Assistant presented the Accounts for 2010, annexed to the Annual Report, on behalf of the Treasurer. The Accounts were accepted (proposed: Kenneth Clarke; seconded: Sethina Watson).

The Independent Examiner, Mr Mark Luntley, was also thanked for his assistance and advice.

5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts for 2011.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Mark Luntley, CPFA, as Independent Examiner for the Accounts for 2011 (proposed: Mishtooni Bose; seconded: Sarah Baccianti).

6. Setting of the membership rates for 2012.

It was agreed that the subscription rate for membership for 2012 should remain at its present level of £16.50 / \$35.50 / €21 (£16 / \$35 if paying by Banker's Order).

7. Elections of Ordinary Members of the Committee.

The Committee proposed the election of Prof. John Hines to the one available vacancy on the Committee. The Committee's proposals were accepted nem. con.

8. Formal Announcement of the Medium Ævum Essay Prize for 2010.

The President announced that the Essay Prize had been awarded to Jessica Jahner (University of Pennsylvania) for her submission '*Altera Natura: Conduct, Craft and Nature in The Owl and the Nightingale*'.

The President closed the meeting at 4:45pm.

After the meeting, **Sarah Medlam** (V&A Museum, London) gave the Annual Lecture on 'Estate and Precedence: the Form and Function of Beds in Medieval Households'.