

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 3-5 Woodland Road, Bristol, on Saturday, 18th May 2013 at 4.30pm.

Present: of the Trustees, Anthony Lappin (President, in the Chair), Mishtooni Bose (Vice-President), Kenneth Clarke, John Hines, Nigel Palmer, Helen Swift (Vice-President); in addition, four members of the Society.

1. Apologies were received from the following Trustees: Glyn Davies, Simon Horobin, Sylvia Huot, Jinty Nelson, Jane Roberts, Magnus Ryan, Corinne Saunders and Sethina Watson. In addition, the following members wished their apologies to be recorded: Orietta Da Rold, Daniel Wakelin, Lawrence Warner.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2012.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record (proposed: HS; seconded: Ad Putter).

3. Annual Report for 2012.

The President tabled the report on behalf of the Committee and invited questions. The Report was approved (proposed: NFP; seconded: JH).

4. Acceptance of the Accounts for 2012.

The Executive Officer presented the Accounts for 2012, annexed to the Annual Report, on behalf of the Treasurer. The Accounts were accepted (proposed: HS; seconded: JH).

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

5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts for 2013.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Mark Luntley, CPFA, as Independent Examiner for the Accounts for 2013 (proposed: AJL; seconded: David Rundle).

6. Setting of the membership rates for 2014.

It was agreed that the membership rate for membership for 2013 should be raised as recommended: £20 / \$ 40 / €35 for individual members (with the exception that for those paying by Standing Order the rates will remain unchanged at £16) and £30 / \$60 / €40 for institutional members (proposed: JH; seconded: Ad Putter).

7. Formal Announcement of the Winner and Proxime Accessit of the Medium *Ævum* Essay Prize for 2012.

The President announced that the Winner was Jill Fitzgerald (University of Illinois) for 'Angelus Pacis: A Liturgical Model for the 'fæle friðowebba' in Cynewulf's 'Elene' and the Proxime Aisling Byrne (Merton College, Oxford) for 'A lost Insular Version of the Romance of *Octavian*'.

The President closed the meeting at 4:45pm.

After the meeting, Prof. Nigel Palmer gave the Society's Annual Lecture, entitled 'Gospel Meditations in fourteenth- and fifteenth-century Europe: three voices from the Upper Rhine'.