



The Past Overseers' Society

of St Margaret & St John Westminster

MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting of The Past Overseers' Society
of St. Margaret and St. John Westminster

held at 50 Broadway, London, SW1H 0BL at 4.15 p.m.
on Wednesday 12 March 2014

PRESENT:

Geoffrey King (Chairman) (GK)
Raymond Layard
David Burden
Rachel Whittaker (RW)
Jenny Bianco, Senior Custodian
Andrew Stevens
Alan Kinsey, Hon Argentarius
David Brown
Jill Pay
Lady Jennifer Cleaver
Sir Bob Reid, Junior Custodian
Lady Reid
Anne Mallinson
Nigel Israel
Martin Low
Tim Mitchell
David Weeks
Henry Webber
Roger Westbrook
David Powell (DP)
Peter Darvall
Catherine Longworth
David Summerscale
Joanna Smith
David Aspinwall
Edward Osterwald
Raymond Layard
Alexander Nicoll
John Stephenson (Honorary Clerk) (JS)

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1. **Apologies for absence:** Jonathan Thomson, Richard Grossman, Peter Handley, Carol McAllister, Lorraine Turner, Richard Nemeth, Rosalind Savill, Judith Warner, Sir Rodney Brooke, David Cavaye, Jonathan Glanz, John Wright, Sir Peter Viggers, Robin Bishop, Jan Prendergast, Michael Messinger, Brian Newbury, George Metcalfe, Angela Harvey, Frances Blois, Caroline Flynn-MacLeod, Judith Randle, Paul Dimond, Stanley Martin, Allen Zimble, Diana Makgill, Colin Redman, Trevor Moross and Jim Kelly.
2. **The Minutes of the AGM** held on 13 March 2013 were approved.
3. **Matters Arising:** The Chairman reported on the various Tercentenary events which had been flagged in the Minutes. It was agreed that these had been very successful, in particular the Exhibition and Reception at The Wallace Collection, the Society's taking part in the Patronal Service at St. Margaret's in July and the Tercentenary Dinner at the RAC. The Chairman thanked everyone who took part in putting these various events together.
4. **Financial Statement for 2013 Dinner.** JS presented the statement showing a surplus of £2,400. These were obviously exceptional figures because of the numbers and venue and he advised that things were likely to return to more normal figures in the coming year.
5. **Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2013:** JS presented the accounts, which showed an effective surplus of just over £5,000, and that therefore there would be just over £15,000 being carried forward into the Silver Fund, as well as a balance of £3,541 in the Tercentenary Fund. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Anne Mallinson and seconded by Martin Low, and carried unanimously. GK then informed the meeting of the Charitable Award Scheme which had been instigated by Anne Mallinson, to be known as The Tercentenary Award. The Society would contribute £500 from its General Fund and £500 from The Tercentenary Fund to the initial year's award, and funding for future years would be sought. The Fund would be used to assist a student whose studies were connected in some way with silver.
6. **New Chairman:** GK stepped down from the Chair and introduced David Powell as his successor, David having been elected Chairman at the immediately preceding meeting of the Standing Committee in accordance with the Society's constitution. GK invested DP with his Chairman's Badge, which DP acknowledged with thanks.
7. **Membership:** JS confirmed that we now had 111 members. A decision had been taken to remove from the Society's list some members who had not paid their subscriptions for some years.
8. **Any other business:** Henry Webber enquired about the new silver piece which would be required from 2014 onwards; Peter Darvall showed his design to the meeting and explained the thinking behind it, saying that it would serve for six years up to and including 2019.
9. **DP** then thanked JS for his work for the Society, and advised the meeting that a new Clerk would need to be found with effect from the AGM in 2015. JS had advised the Committee that it would still be possible to hold their meetings and indeed future AGMs at 50 Broadway.
10. There being no further formal business, the meeting then closed, but before breaking up for drinks, RW proposed a vote of thanks to GK for all his efforts as Chairman over more than a decade, which vote was carried unanimously and with applause. The meeting then concluded at 5.10 p.m.