



BRASENOSE SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting: 12 September 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm via Zoom

1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from members of the Committee: Sarah Atkins, John Bowers, Deirdre Duignan, Paul Dawson-Bowling, John Fawcett Ellis, Llewelyn Morgan, Philip Parker, Donald Rushton and Simon Smith.

2 Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 19 September 2019 were approved.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not already on the agenda.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer referred to the Society's annual accounts for the year 1 August 2019 – 31 July 2020. These are attached for reference.

Overall, there was a deficit of £511, principally due to the net cost of production of the Brasenose Women's booklet and the expenses of the Oxford & Cambridge Club drinks. The Society's cash is £9,962 and net assets £9,619.

The President thanked the Treasurer for his contribution this past year.

5 Election of President, Vice-President, and other Committee members

The President explained that, in view of COVID and the constraint it had put on the Society's activities, the Committee proposed that she and the Vice President serve a second year. This has happened certainly twice before, including during the Second World War. COVID may be regarded as a similarly extraordinary event. It is proposed to continue the normal election process next year.

Accordingly, Amanda Pullinger (currently President) was proposed for election as President. She was seconded and elected nem con.

Similarly, Rod Clayton (currently Vice President) was proposed for election as Vice President. He was seconded and elected nem con.

Proposed for re-election as members of the Committee were: David Bradbury, David Clark, Paul Dawson-Bowling, Deirdre Duignan, John Fawcett Ellis, Drusilla Gabbott, Amanda Holland, Jane Johnson, Donald Rushton and Sarah Atkins.

Proposed for re-election as a member of the Committee was Alexandra Marks, now standing down as Secretary.

The proposed re-election of existing Committee Members was seconded and carried nem con.

The President encouraged other individuals to come forward to serve on the Committee.

Ex officio officers of the Committee are: the Principal (John Bowers); the Director of Development (Liz Miller); the Senior Tutor (Simon Smith); the Editor of *The Brazen Nose* (Llewelyn Morgan) and the Bursar (Philip Parker). The two most recent former Presidents (Penny Gilbert (2017/18) and Paul Silk(2018/19)) are also ex officio members of the Committee.

6 Election of Secretary

The post of Secretary had been advertised with the notice of the AGM on the College website. There had been no applicants apart from Penny Andrews, former President of the Society and a Committee member for six years, who has been Acting Secretary for the past year.

Penny Andrews was proposed for election as Secretary. She was seconded and elected nem con.

7 Year Reps

Drusilla Gabbott, Year Reps. co-ordinator, explained that Year Reps are there to encourage individuals from their year to take part in College events and generally to keep in touch. Most years have a Year Rep; these can be seen on the College website. She reported that there had been a Year Reps' meeting at the Oxford & Cambridge Club in February. She had circulated to them a guide to holding events, including virtual events. She had also been on touch with Year Reps twice since lockdown.

Earlier in the year, she, David Clarke and Julia Diamantis from the Development Office carried out an exercise to contact those alumni who are not online and therefore do not receive the Principal's emails.

There is now a new Year Rep for 1995, Simon Borwick, and others are encouraged to come forward for years that do not have them.

Some of the Year Reps contributed to the new video, introduced by the President, that was made for graduates going down this summer.

The College has requested that Year Reps be more active in social media to spread news of the activities and achievements of the College. Some Facebook groups have been established.

Drusilla is planning to hold a virtual Year Reps meeting before the end of the year.

8 Principal's update

A Principal's update would normally be given at the Society Dinner but, in view of the fact that this was not to be held because of COVID, it was decided to present this at the AGM instead. Since the Principal could not attend, Liz Miller gave the meeting a brief update of news in College.

9 Upcoming Society events

It is hoped that the usual President's Summer Party and the Society's September Annual Dinner will be able to held as normal next year.

The President reported that she had booked the Tower of London again, for 30 June 2021. Hopefully normal numbers will be able to attend.

Details of the Society's AGM and Dinner will be released in due course.

Further, in view of the success of this year's virtual Summer Party, held via Zoom, the President suggested that there may be scope to do the same again, perhaps held around a conversation that she would hold with a member of the College such as a don (as she had done with the Director of Music in July). Again, details will be released in due course.

10 Votes of thanks

A sincere vote of thanks was extended to Alexandra Marks, stepping down as Secretary after 25 years. The President noted that, before lockdown, the Committee had held a dinner in her honour in London.

Drusilla Gabbot was thanked for her contribution to the Society, as Year Reps coordinator and generally for the Committee.

Penny Andrews was thanked for her contribution.

Finally, the President thanked all members of the Committee and John Bower, Liz Miller and George Balkwill for their efforts on behalf of the Society.

11 Any other business

There was no other business.