

## SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Castle, Durham, on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 4.30pm.

Present (names in bold are Trustees): **Anthony Lappin** (President, in the Chair), David Ashurst, Neil Cartlidge, **Kenneth Clarke**, Helen Cooper, Ian Doyle, Michael Huxtable, Jamie McKinstry, David Rundle (Executive Officer), **Corinne Saunders** (Editor, *Medium Ævum*), **Helen Swift** (Vice-President), **Sethina Watson**, Gabriele Wright.

1. Apologies were received from the following Trustees: Mishtooni Bose, John Hines, Sylvia Huot, Jinty Nelson, Nigel Palmer, Jane Roberts, Magnus Ryan.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed: Kenneth Clarke; seconded: Helen Swift).

3. Annual Report for 2011.

The President tabled the report on behalf of the Committee and invited questions. The Report was approved (proposed: Helen Cooper; seconded: Ian Doyle).

4. Acceptance of the Accounts for 2011.

The Executive Officer presented the Accounts for 2011, annexed to the Annual Report, on behalf of the Treasurer. The Accounts were accepted (proposed: Kenneth Clarke; seconded: Sethina Watson).

5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts for 2012.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Mark Luntley, CPFA, as Independent Examiner for the Accounts for 2012 (proposed: Helen Cooper; seconded: Corinne Saunders).

6. Setting of the membership rates for 2013.

It was agreed that the membership rate for membership for 2013 should remain at its present level of £16.50 / \$35.50 / €21 (£16 / \$35 if paying by Banker's Order), with institutional membership costing £25 / \$48 / €35 (proposed: Helen Cooper; seconded: Sethina Watson).

7. Election of the President of the Society.

The Committee proposed the re-election of Dr Anthony J. Lappin to the office of President for a further two years; the meeting accepted this proposal *nem. con.*

8. Election of an Ordinary Member of the Committee.

The Committee proposed the election of Dr Glyn Davies (Victoria & Albert Museum, London) and this was accepted by the meeting *nem. con.*

The President closed the meeting at 4:55pm.

After the meeting, Prof. Helen Cooper gave the Society's Annual Lecture, entitled 'The Ends of Story-telling'.