

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Jesus Old Members Group (Years to 1969)
held in the Wilson Memorial Room, Jesus College, Oxford on 6 April 2013**

Those attending:

The committee: Julian Le Patourel (Secretary), Malcolm McIvor (Chairman), George Reah (Treasurer), and Chris Butterfield plus 26 members and guest College alumni.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from 14 members. Messages from those members not attending were passed on by the Secretary.

1. Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members of the group and their guests.

2. Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 April 2012 were presented to the meeting by the Secretary. Their acceptance was *proposed* by Stephen Walker, *seconded* by John Bounden and unanimously **adopted**.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced his report for the year 2011 – 2012 which had been circulated prior to the meeting and in which the principal activities in the year had been set out. He said that the involvement by old members in the current meeting and the success of recent social events showed the Group to be in a strong position. The report was **received**.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's Report, Membership Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2012 and Financial Statement for the Awards Fund to 31 July 2011 were introduced by the Treasurer. Membership was down to 196, partly due to mortality, though others had rejoined following the previous evening's dinner.

The accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. They had been scrutinised by Eric Morgan, the Group's independent examiner, to whom the Group's thanks were extended. There had been a surplus of income over administrative costs of a little over £2,000. The **adoption** of the report and accounts was *proposed* by Douglas Austin, *seconded* by Geoff Henshall and carried unanimously.

The Awards Fund Income and Expenditure statement was noted. An additional £16,000 had been credited by the College to the Group and this was used to make awards in 2012. In turn this meant that the Fund would now run through to 2016. The position was now

that over a period of 23 years, 28 post-graduate awards, 46 undergraduate exhibitions and 57 access bursaries will have been funded at a total cost of £220,000.

5. Rules of Association

The Treasurer proposed that the Rules of Association, necessary for having a bank account, should be simplified to take account of the run-down of the Group's finances and to leave in place a foundation for the new organisers. [A set of the proposed Rules and an explanation of the changes had been circulated to all members with the Agenda for the meeting. The changes were as follows:](#)

- [to retain the Group's second purpose as 'to renew and foster links with Jesus College Oxford' but to delete 'through funding awards to current students';](#)
- [to delete all references to donations, Gift Aid and reporting on the status of the Group's Awards Fund \(as for new donations and awards these responsibilities lie with the Development Office\);](#)
- [to delete the requirement for a membership fee of not less than £10 per annum and to specify 'there is no membership fee';](#)
- [to specify that written communications between the Group and its members will be by email;](#)
- [to allow the Annual General Meeting to be a virtual meeting; and](#)
- [to specify that in the event of a winding up of the Group the closing balance in the accounts would be donated to the Jesus College Annual fund to support awards to students.](#)

The proposal to drop the membership subscription was extensively debated as some believed that changes to the status quo could cause a fall-off in donations while others thought that a membership organisation without a subscription would not be valued. Compromise solutions were suggested including a year's subscription holiday for current members.

The following amendment to the new Rule 3 was proposed:

“That there is a subscription holiday for existing members, if they so desire, until such time as the Group shall decide otherwise”.

The amendment was put to the vote. There were two votes in favour and eight against and the amendment was declared lost. The proposed rule changes were then put to the vote. There were 14 votes in favour and one against and the proposed rule changes were declared carried.

6. Consultation on the Future of the Group

Julian Le Patourel introduced the paper which reported on the results of the committee's consultation of the membership on how they would like to see the Group going forward in the future. There was widespread support for the continuation of social activities and a number in favour of an organisation operating independently of the Development Office. Malcolm McIvor added that the Development Office would support the promotion of a

Group which recruited from alumni who had matriculated 40 or more years earlier. This would open up the Group to further new members each year and, it was hoped, new people to take the organisation forward. It was expected that a title change would reinforce this development. The report was **received**.

7. Election of members and officers of the Committee

The members of the Committee were Malcolm McIvor and Chris Butterfield. The officers were Julian Le Patourel (Secretary) and George Reah (Treasurer). All believed that the time had come for them to stand down and hand on to new people.

George Reah offered to take the role of Treasurer to the current funding for up to a further year so that its wind up could be properly managed. Chris Butterfield would take steps to ensure that the Newsletter continued to be produced until his successor was able to take over and Malcolm McIvor would, as former chairman, steer the transition to new management.

Richard Cosier was proposed as Membership Secretary, Paul Seward as Secretary and Alan Shore as Newsletter editor. It was thought that a new Treasurer and an Events Co-ordinator would still be needed.

These arrangements were *proposed* by Douglas Austin and *seconded* by Steve Walker and **carried** unanimously.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Eric Morgan had agreed to continue as independent examiner and his appointment was **approved** unanimously.

9. Old Members' Day

Old Members' Day would be held on 22 June.

10. Other business

Ideas were canvassed for future social events. Visits to the Welsh Marches and to Reading museums were being organised.

11. Next meeting

The date of the next annual general meeting had still to be determined but it was intended that it should be a "virtual" meeting for the current organisation as there would only be a small amount of financial information to report.