



The Royal Scottish Society of Arts

Showcasing Scotland's Science, Technology and Innovation

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 198th Session held at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd June 2019 in the Augustine United Church, 41, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh. EH1 1EL

The Meeting was chaired by The President, Dr Alison Morrison-Low

In opening the meeting The President was pleased to welcome Mr Michael Laver as a new Fellow, proposed by Dr Beverly Bergman, seconded by Mr Peter Jones.

The Number of Fellows present was 51

1) Apologies for absence.

Professor Stuart Monro, Brigadier Joe d'Inverno, Dr and Mrs Dick Birtles, Ms Susan Tritton, Mr Peter Stewart, Mr John Fleming, Ms Louise Dalziel, Dr Paul Geisler, Mr Iain Philip and Mr Murray Philip.

2) Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 4th June 2018.

The minutes, copies of which had previously been circulated, and which were also available at the meeting, were adopted as a correct record of the proceedings, proposed by Mr Graham Rule and Dr Peredur Williams.

3) Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 31st August 2018.

The Report, which had been adopted by Council, was presented by The Treasurer, Mr Graham Rule. The Report would be submitted to OSCR and also appear on the RSSA website.

4) President's Report

The President reported on another successful year of lectures, visits to places of special scientific interest and the awarding of medals and prizes to the students who had obtained the highest marks in the Higher Engineering Science and Advanced Higher Engineering Science examinations. The prizes were presented to the students in November by The Chief Scientist, Scottish Government at the annual Science and the Parliament event held at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

In 2021 the Royal Scottish Society of Arts would be celebrating its bicentenary and a small subcommittee had been established to plan a series of events to celebrate, "200 years of showcasing Scotland's Science, Technology and Innovation." Details of the proposed events would be announced to Fellows in the course of the forthcoming year.

During the course of the year RSSA was saddened to learn of the deaths of two of the Honorary Fellows, Sir Thomas Dalyell of the Binns (Tam Dalyell) and Professor Heinz Wolff. However, the Society was also pleased to welcome as an Honorary Fellow, Professor Sir James Hough, OBE, FRS, FRSE.

Concluding her report, The President wished to thank all the Society's Council Members and Office Bearers for their work ensuring the successful operation of the Society. Several Council members would be demitting office at the conclusion of their term of office, Vice President Dr Beverly Bergman, and Councillors Brigadier Joe d'Inverno and Dr Peredur Williams, and the President thanked them for their contributions over the past three years. Special mention was also made of Peter Stewart and those who had provided the tea and coffee at the beginning of each meeting, which was always much appreciated by those present at each of the evening meetings.

5) Election of Office Bearers

The President recommended that the following nominations be taken as a group:-

Vice President, Brigadier Joe d'Inverno

Councillor, Dr Beverly Bergman

Councillor, Mr Michael Laver

Councillor, Dr Carol Marsh

Councillor, Mr Neil Short

The nominations were agreed, proposed by Mr Graham Rule and Dr Peredur Williams.

6) A.O.R.B

There being no such matters the meeting was closed at 7.18pm, after which Fellows and their guests were delighted to hear Dr Sam Alberti, Keeper of Science and Technology National Museums Scotland, speak on, "Science and Technology at National Museums Scotland: Past, Present and Future."

The evening concluded with a buffet reception to which all Fellows and their guests were invited.

Peter Jones
Secretary