



The Plainsong and Medieval Music Society

Council Meeting
London, British Library
Friday, 28 November 2014, 3:30 pm

Minutes

Present: Emma Hornby (EH) (chair), Nicolas Bell (NB), Margaret Bent (MB), James Borders (JB) (for PMM), Sophie Burton (student member), Christian Goursaud (student member), Christian Leitmeir (CL) (treasurer), Jeremy Llewellyn (JL), Mary O'Neill (MON), Susan Rankin (SR), Matthew Cheung Salisbury (MS), Thomas Schmidt (TS) (secretary), Bruno Turner (BT), Emma Hembry (EJH)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Barbara Eichner, Owen Rees, Hana Vlhová-Wörner

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 8 November 2013**

Approved with correction to the Treasurer's report with regard to the transfer of the Savings Account

3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 29 March 2014**

noted

4. **Matters arising**

none

5. **Chair's Report**

ER reported on the activities of the Society in the past year.

1. The PMMS-sponsored keynote address by Ardis Butterfield at the Birmingham Med-Ren had been extremely well attended and received; it had raised the profile of the society substantially.

2. The 2014 PMMS study day at the BL in London on source studies had likewise been a great success, particularly through the possibility to view a number of original manuscript *in situ*; thanks were extended to NB for having made this possible.

3. The PMMS-sponsored volume on the Fursey pilgrims had now been published; a copy had been received and the information about the members' discount circulated

4. Planning for the PMMS monograph series by CUP was well underway. A public announcement and call for contributions should go out fairly soon. EH and Emma Dillon had been appointed as series editors; an editorial board had been constituted with Professor Cristle Collins Judd, Professor Cynthia Cyrus, Dr Christian Leitmeir, Professor Jeremy Llewellyn, Professor Yolanda Plumley, and Professor Thomas Schmidt as members. A first volume by Karen Desmond has been lined up; her submission was nearing completion and should be ready for approval by the time of the 2015 AGM.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

CL presented the Treasurer's report.

1. Positive developments included:

- The deposit account with the Monmouthshire Building Society had finally been set up in October 2014.

- Additional income was anticipated through royalties from the new CUP series.
 - Royalties of £ 2.39 had been received from Boydell & Brewer for the Hartzell catalogue.
2. On the other hand, income from membership fees (currently £ 32) did not match the costs for the journal anymore (currently £ 38 p.p. p.a.). As the membership fee had been unchanged since 2008 while costs had risen, it was agreed to propose to the AGM to raise membership fees to:

£ 40 for standard membership (from £ 32)
 £ 50 for joint membership (from £ 40)
 £ 25 for student membership (from £22)

It was agreed to leave the fee for member of the PMM editorial board at £ 15 leave, but to invite donations.

3. It was agreed to change the website provider; the current provider, 1&1, had begun to charge very high fees, including an unauthorised direct debit amounting to c. £ 800. CL, after trying in vain to contact 1&1 several times, had begun to take steps with Lloyds Bank to recover the money. **Action: CL and MS**

4. At the 2014 AGM, it had been reported that the 2013 York conference had broken even financially, but due to a belated catering bill, this was no longer the case. In the event, the York conference had turned out to be a rather costly affair. Since this had been the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the society, this was deemed appropriate as a one-off, but the Study Days should in general be cost-neutral.

7. **Chair and council elections**

1. NB, TS and CL were coming to the end of their maximum ten-year tenure as council members. Since it was deemed desirable that all three should remain actively involved with the society, it was agreed that NB should step down, but be co-opted as an extraordinary member of council. It was further agreed that TS should step down as secretary for one year, starting with the AGM in 2015, with CL nominally taking on the role (informally assisted by TS); in 2016, CL would return to Council and the roles swapped, with TS to return to Council in 2017.

2. The two student representatives (SB and CG) were welcomed to Council; while for logistical reasons, they had simply been appointed by chair's action for 2014, a proper election would take place at the AGM in 2015. **Action: TS**

8. **PMMS grants**

Two application had been received, and grants were approved:

- 'Facing the Music in Medieval England (Lisa Colton, Huddersfield, March 2015, £ 300)
- 'Senses of Liturgy' (Kati Ihnat, Bristol, May 2015, £ 200)

It was noted that Kati Ihnat was not a PMMS member; **Action: EH to ensure that she join the society.**

9. **Report from PMM**

1. Two issues of PMM had appeared in schedule, one of them themed.
2. Everything is ticking over nicely, but there could always be more high-quality submissions. Council members should encouraged their colleagues to consider PMM for their outputs.
3. CUP had reported an increased use of the download facility. The publication is now also announced on the PMMS Facebook page.

10. **PMMS conferences and events**

1. The upcoming PMMS Study Day would be held in conjunction with the 'Senses of Liturgy' conference at Bristol on 21-22 May 2015. The first day of that conference will double up as the PMMS day, with a morning of openly themed papers and the afternoon part of the conference proper.
2. Magnus Williamson had offered to host the 2016 Study Day in Newcastle as part of his AHRC 'Tudor Partbooks' project.
3. A discussion ensued regarding the format of the Study Day. In the past, it normally has taken

the shape of a one-day conference, with a succession of papers. The student representatives suggested, either in addition or alternatively, a more workshop-like format, as a skills or training day, ideally also targeted at non-academic PMMS members. It was agreed that this should be explored; TS offered to approach the John Rylands Library at Manchester about a 'liturgy training day' based on their holdings of original medieval liturgical sources, ideally to take place in autumn of 2015 to coincide with the Council meeting. **Action: TS**

11. **Website, Newsletter, and Publicity**

1. The website had migrated to the new server, and content was being updated and added.
2. Membership stood at 106; the administrator was still in the process of bringing the email contact list up to date.
3. A former student member, Richard Moore, had set up a PMMS Twitter account at the 2012 Oxford conference, but it was not quite clear what had become of it. **Action: BE to contact Richard.**

12. **AOB**

none

13. **Dates of next meetings**

AGM: 21 May 2015, 12:45, Bristol

Council: Autumn 2015, place and date tbd