



The Plainsong and Medieval Music Society

Annual General Meeting
Northumbria University, Newcastle
Saturday, 9 April 2016, 3:00 pm

Minutes

1. Attendance

20 members in attendance

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the AGM on 21 May 2015 were approved *nem. con.*

3. Chair's Annual Report

Emma Hornby reported on a year of manifold activities by the Society. PMMS had co-hosted a highly successful conference on 'Senses of the Liturgy' in Bristol in May 2015 (in conjunction with the 'Old Hispanic Office' ERC project. In November of the same year, the first postgraduate study day on medieval sources had taken place in the John Rylands Library in Manchester. This had proved such a success that it was decided to aim to have such study days on a regular basis, if possible every year (with the next event planned for Worcester Cathedral).

In the reporting period, the society had supported a conference on Music in the Dominican order (organised by Eleanor Giraud, Oxford) and the conference 'Facing the Music in Medieval England' (organised by Lisa Colton, Huddersfield).

Three applications for financial support had been received (John Harper for a performance-oriented study day [£100], Elsa de Luca for the workshop 'Palaeography of Old Hispanic Manuscripts: Music and Text' [£150], and the Medieval and Renaissance Music conference in Sheffield [£350]). All applications were approved.

The proposed monograph series by CUP had stalled: Kate Brett (senior editor for Music) had reported that senior CUP management had cast doubt on the viability of the series as a whole - a frustrating state of affairs since the proposal had come from CUP in the first instance and several manuscripts were in the pipeline already. It was proposed that the series editors (Emma Hornby and Emma Dillon) should explore the potential of establishing the series with a different publisher given that there was a clear need for a series on topics of medieval and chant topics.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Christian Leitmeir presented the accounts and the financial report for the calendar year 2015. Both were approved *nem. con.*

He further reported that the Society had 110 members in good standing. The administrative base had relocated to Oxford, with Joe Mason as the new administrator. The external auditor, Alison Armstrong, had resigned as a result of the Society moving its base from Bangor to Oxford, and a new auditor would have to be sought.

5. Election of officers and trustees

Bruno Turner had stepped down from his role as President - Emma Hornby thanked him in absentia for his long service to the Society. David Hiley was proposed and unanimously elected as the new President.

This had created a vacancy for a vice-president. John Caldwell was proposed and unanimously elected as Vice-President.

Joe Mason, as the new administrator, has had to step down as student representative. Sean Dunnahoe (continuing) and Nicholas Wibberley were elected as student reps.

Nicolas Bell's resignation had created a space on Council; Eleanor Giraud was elected *nem. con.*

Christian Leitmeir had come to the end of his tenure as treasurer; Thomas Schmidt was elected in his stead. Owen Rees was re-elected as secretary.

All other officers and councillors were re-elected *nem. con.*

6. Future Conferences

Bangor was approved as the site of the AGM/Annual Conference 2017 (Hana Vlhová to host).

Worcester was provisionally approved as the site for the Study day/Council meeting in the autumn of 2016 (tbc).

Potential hosts were still sought for the Study day/Council meeting in the autumn of 2017 and the AGM/Annual Conference 2018.

7. Online newsletter and membership

The Society's Twitter account was reported to be highly active, principally through the efforts of Lisa Johnson. All members (who were on Twitter) were encouraged to keep raising the profile of the Society by this route.

The Society's Facebook page was likewise reported to be very active.

8. Any other business

none

9. Date of next meetings

Council: Worcester (or other cathedral site), autumn of 2016 (date tbd)

AGM: Bangor, spring of 2017 (date tbd)

The meeting concluded at 3:30

Thomas Schmidt