



The Anglo-Hellenic League

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 28 September 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Anglo-Hellenic League was held at the Hellenic Centre, Paddington Street, London W1U 5AS, on 28 September 2020 at 5.15pm.

Present: John Kittmer (Chair); Frances Manthos (Vice-Chair); Konstantinos Dagklis; Kevin Featherstone; Roula Konzotis; Louisa Leventis; Gonda Van Steen

Apologies: John Carras (Treasurer); Richard Carden; Isabelle Clark; Victoria Hislop; Dimitris Loumanis; Anne McCabe.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 13 June 2019 were agreed.
2. The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM, which had been postponed from its June date because of the Covid-19 lockdown and was taking place under conditions of social distancing. He thanked everyone for attending in difficult circumstances and gave his annual address:
 - a. On fund-raising, no major campaign had taken place in 2019 or 2020. Money had been raised at several events and the League had been able to make grants to Schedia, the Greek Forum of Refugees, Classics for All, Little Village, the British Museum and Centrepoint. The Chair thanked everyone who had given so generously to the causes supported by the League.
 - b. On the cultural programme for 2019/20, events had been disrupted by the pandemic. In October, Gerald Cadogan had led a successful tour of Eastern Crete, raising money for the League; the AGM expressed its thanks to him. In December, Victoria Hislop had spoken in dialogue at a joint event with the British School at Athens. In February, a private viewing of 'Troy – Myth and Reality' was held at the British Museum. Four remaining events would take place in the autumn by Zoom webcast or be postponed until 2021. Information would be sent shortly to members and supporters. The Runciman Prize for 2019 had been won jointly by Paul Kosmin and Robin Osborne. The Katie Lentakis Memorial Fund Award had been won, in 2019, by Gina Prat Lilly and, in 2020, by Emma Bentley.

- c. On future sponsorship of the Runciman Award, negotiations with potential sponsors were making good progress and an announcement would be made by the end of the year. The Award would be relaunched in June 2021, as part of the programme of UK events to commemorate the Greek Bicentennial, '21 in 21'.
3. The Chair expressed thanks, on behalf of the League, to its sponsors, particularly the Leventis Foundation and Elias Paraskevas Attorneys¹⁹³³; to the Hellenic Centre; to the members of Council in 2019-20; to Richard Carden and Sophie Llewellyn-Smith for the administration of the Runciman Award in 2018-19, and to the Runciman judges of 2019, chaired by Dionysis Kapsalis; to Gonda Van Steen and Isabelle Clark for judging the Lentakis Award; and to the ordinary members of the League whose subscriptions and donations keep the finances afloat.
4. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chair presented the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2019; these were formally received by the AGM.
5. The Chair informed the AGM that Roddy Beaton had departed the Council in 2019 and expressed thanks to him for many years of service. The Council had co-opted Gonda Van Steen and Kevin Featherstone to join them during 2019-20. The AGM unanimously elected the following to serve on Council until June 2021:

John Kittmer (Chair)

Frances Manthos (Vice-Chair)

John M. Carras (Treasurer)

Richard Carden

Isabelle Clark

Kevin Featherstone

Roula Konzotis

Louisa Leventis

Dimitris Loumanis

Anne McCabe

Gonda Van Steen

Paul Watkins

6. There was no other business.

John Kittmer
Chair
30 September 2020