



# The Anglo-Hellenic League

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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 21 June 2021

The Annual General Meeting of The Anglo-Hellenic League was held at the Hellenic Centre, Paddington Street, London W1U 5AS, on 21 June 2021 at 5pm.

Present: John Kittmer (Chair); John Carras (Treasurer); Kevin Featherstone; Roula Konzotis; Dimitris Loumanis.

Apologies: Richard Carden; Isabelle Clark; Frances Manthos; Anthony E. Kedros; Louisa Leventis; Yannis Manuelides; Anne McCabe; Chris & Michelle O'Gorman; Gonda Van Steen.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 28 September 2020 were agreed.
2. The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM, which had been postponed to coincide with the relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions. He thanked everyone for attending in difficult circumstances and gave his annual address:
  - a. On fund-raising, no major campaign had taken place in 2020 or the year to date and the League had not raised money through its cultural programme. In January 2021, the League had made grants to the Greek Food Bank Foundation Against Hunger, the Trussell Trust and Classics for All.
  - b. On the cultural programme for 2020/21, events had been disrupted by the pandemic. Three events had been held by Zoom webinar, with Polly Samson, Michael Cullen and Judith Herrin; all had been well attended (between 95 and 135 in the virtual audience) and the uploads to the YouTube channel were proving popular (e.g. >4000 views of the Samson talk). The Runciman Award for 2021 had been won by Roddy Beaton: for the fourth time. The Katie Lentakis Memorial Fund Award for 2021 had been won by Hermione Dowling for a comparative essay on Euripides and on modern fan fiction; this year's Katie Lentakis Lecturer was Prof. Ruth Padel.
  - c. The events programme for the autumn was busy and would be a mixture of in-person events and webinars, as circumstances permitted. Details would be regularly updated on the website.

3. The Chair expressed thanks, on behalf of the League, to its sponsors: the A.G. Leventis Foundation and the A.C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation; to the Hellenic Centre; to the members of Council in 2020-21; to Isabelle Clark and Roula Konzotis for help with the administration of the Runciman Award, and to the Runciman judges, chaired by Peter Frankopan; to Gonda Van Steen, Richard Carden and Anne McCabe 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 members attending, Kevin Featherstone proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair for his work in steering the Council and the League through another difficult year; this was carried unanimously.
5. The Treasurer presented the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2020; these were formally received by the AGM.
6. The Chair informed the AGM that Richard Carden had decided not to seek re-election to Council and expressed thanks to him for many years of service, not least as the Runciman Administrator until 2019. Yannis Manuelides was presenting himself for election for the first time. The AGM unanimously elected the following to serve on Council until June 2022:

John Kittmer (Chair)

Frances Manthos (Vice-Chair)

John M. Carras (Treasurer)

Isabelle Clark

Kevin Featherstone

Roula Konzotis

Louisa Leventis

Dimitris Loumanis

Yannis Manuelides

Anne McCabe

Gonda Van Steen

Paul Watkins

7. There was no other business.

John Kittmer  
Chair  
7 September 2021