



AES Annual General Meeting – Saturday 29 April 2023

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Amateur Entomologists' Society, held at the Natural History Museum, London, at 12:15 hours

Twenty members signed the attendance sheets and ten proxy voting forms were received. The net number of members voting at the AGM was therefore thirty.

AES President Beulah Garner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dr Malcolm Aldridge, Dr Andy Chick, Prof. John Cooper, Maria Fremlin and Nick Wadham. Those members who submitted proxy forms were regarded as also having submitted apologies for absence.

Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It was decided to accept the Minutes of the previous AGM as an accurate record. (At that AGM in addition to the ordinary business there was a discussion about the Society's efforts to engage with the Royal Entomological Society (RES) and we remain pleased to work with the RES and others in ways that further our charitable aims).

Proposed: Colin Hart; seconded Dr Victoria Burton; carried nem con.

Reports of the Society for the year under review

The Annual Reports to Members and to the Charity Commission, which incorporated the Annual Accounts and which had been made available online beforehand and in paper form on the day, were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Dafydd Lewis; seconded Colin Hart; carried nem con.

Election of President for the coming year

Dr Erica McAlister took over momentarily from the President, Beulah Garner, who was then re-elected as President of the Society for a third consecutive term.

Proposed: Colin Hart; seconded: Ralph Hobbs; carried nem con.

Election of Council Members and Officers

The following members were elected or re-elected, *en bloc*, for the coming three-year period: Peter Hodge; Dafydd Lewis; Dr David Lonsdale; Rev. Philip Reynolds.

Proposed: Peter Brown; seconded: Colin Hart; carried nem con.

The following Officers of the Society were elected, *en bloc*, for the coming year:

Secretary: Dafydd Lewis; Treasurer: Peter Brown; Registrar: Dr Victoria Burton; Conservation Secretary & Editor, ICN: Dr David Lonsdale; Editor, AES Bulletin: Colin Hart; Habitat Conservation Officer: Stephen Lings; General Editor: Jacqueline Ruffle; Exhibitions Secretary: Nick Wadham; Newsletter Editor: Dafydd Lewis; Advertising Secretary: Peter Hodge.

Proposed: Sonia Bloom; seconded: Dr Mike Noble; carried nem con.



Independent Examiner of Accounts

It was accepted by the meeting, without objection, that Aishat Idris, of BAnC Services, would be appointed Independent Examiner of Accounts for the current year, as recommended by AES Council.

Other Business and Comments

Dr Malcolm Aldridge stood down from AES Council at this AGM.

Colin Hart mentioned that he will stand down as Editor of the AES Bulletin at the end of the year. It is proposed to appoint an Editor-in-Chief and a team of editors to enable the editing workload to become more manageable.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12:45 hours and was followed by a Members' afternoon that included behind-the-scenes tours of the British Synoptic Insect Collection led by Beulah Garner and the Diptera collection led by Dr Erica McAlister. Dan Hall gave a lecture on the curation of the so-called 'smaller orders' at the museum and Dominic Phillips delivered the Annual Leonard Tesch Lecture, entitled 'Darwin Tree of Life: Sequencing the British Isles'. Representatives of the Quekett Microscopical Club were present at the meeting with an interesting and varied display.

Dafydd Lewis
AES Hon. Secretary
30.04.2023