

**Scottish Text Society**  
**Annual General Meeting (AGM)**  
**Friday 8 April 2011**  
**Melville Room, University Quadrangles, University of Glasgow**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Sally Mapstone (President), Nicola Royan (Editorial Secretary), Professor Graham Caie, Dr Sebastiaan Verweij (temp. Minutes Secretary), Professor Alasdair MacDonald, Professor John McGavin, Dr Theo van Heijnsbergen, Mr John Archer (administrative secretary), Ms Marjory Williamson (accountant), Mr Colin Grant, Dr Morna Fleming

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The President welcomed Mr Colin Grant and Dr Morna Fleming to the AGM. Apologies were received from Professor Priscilla Bawcutt, Professor Tony Edwards, Professor Jonathan Glenn, Professor James Goldstein, Dr Janet Hadley Williams, Dr Brian Hillyard, Professor Luuk Houwen, Professor Rod Lyall, Dr Joanna Martin, Dr Rhiannon Purdie, Professor Jeremy Smith, and Mr Ian Cunningham

**2. Minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2010**

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

The President noted that the Society's Annual Report for 2009 has not yet been made available via the STS website, but this will soon be addressed, and both the 2009 and 2010 reports will be put onto the website. [ACTION NR/LH]

**3. President's Report**

The President reported on the imminent publication of *The Ballad Repertoire of Anna Gordon, Mrs. Brown of Falkland*, ed. Sigrid Rieuwerts (Vol. 8 Series 5). Technical challenges caused some delay to this volume, but the Society is confident that this edition will generate great interest. This volume will soon be mailed out to members.

The President announced 5 more volumes that are likely to be forthcoming in 2011/12:

- 1) *Older Scots: A Linguistic Companion*, ed. Jeremy Smith, which gives a detailed description of Older Scots as a language, and presents selected specimens from a wide variety of genres in verse and prose.
- 2) Archibald Pitcairn. *The Phanaticks (The Assembly)*, ed. John MacQueen, a late-seventeenth play of great interest.
- 3) *The Poems of John Stewart of Baldynneis*, ed. Katherine McClune. Stewart's poems have been edited once before for the Society by Crockett, but without any notes or introduction.
- 4) *Shorter Scottish Medieval Romances*, ed. Rhiannon Purdie.
- 5) *The Buke of the Howlat*, ed. R. Hanna. This volume has only recently been contracted, but the President notes that the Society expects Professor Hanna to submit this by next summer.

The President reported that the poet Don Paterson has agreed to deliver the 2012 McIntosh lecture.

**4. Annual Report**

The President presented the 2010 Annual Report, which was accepted by the AGM. The President noted a small surplus to the Society's funds, in part due to the fact that no volume

was published in 2010 (and hence no associated costs for publication were incurred). This surplus will be balanced by at least 3 or 4 forthcoming volumes in 2011 and 2012.

#### **5. Accounts for 2010**

The Society's accounts were verified by Ms Marjory Williamson and found to be in good order. The President and Ms Marjory Williamson signed off on the Annual Report.

#### **6. Risk Assessment**

The President has updated the Society's Risk Assessment register, which needs to be reviewed annually. The president noted that an erroneous date (p.3) needs to be corrected, and that revised materials to the register were given in italics. The Risk Assessment Register was accepted.

#### **7. Re-election of Members of Council, for three years**

It was agreed by the AGM that the following Members be re-elected to Council for a further three years of service: Professor Hector McQueen; Mr Ian Cunningham; Professor Tony Edwards; Professor James Goldstein; Mr Brian Hillyard, Professor John McGavin; Dr Joanna Martin, and Dr Rhiannon Purdie.

Professor Priscilla Bawcutt has indicated that she does not wish to be re-elected to Council. The President noted that Council would like to express its profound gratitude to Professor Bawcutt for her longstanding involvement and invaluable contribution, and that a token of appreciation will be presented to her at the Padua conference in July 2011 [ACTION SM/NR].

#### **8. Nominations for Membership of Council**

Council will gladly receive nominations for a new Member.

#### **9. Date and venue of next meeting**

The next AGM will take place in Edinburgh. The date is subject to agreement with Don Paterson, who will deliver the 2012 McIntosh Lecture. The date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

#### **10. Any other competent business**

Professor John McGavin drew attention to the 'Paving Stone Appeal' of The Sir David Lyndsay Society, which aims to place a memorial stone in Makar's Court in Edinburgh. The appeal has been very successful, but is at present about £300/400 short of its goal. Professor McGavin expressed his thanks to the Society, which has donated £100. The stone will be unveiled in Edinburgh on 14 July 2011.

The President reports that the journal *Studies in Scottish Literature* will be continued under the editorship of Professor Patrick G. Scott (University of South Carolina). *SSL* may also make available its entire backlist digitally. The news of continuation of this seminal publication in field of Scottish Studies was welcomed by the AGM.