

**Scottish Text Society**  
**Minutes of the Annual General meeting**  
**Wednesday 19 April 2017**  
**University of Edinburgh, 50 George Square**  
**3.15 pm**

**Present: John Archer (administrative secretary), Graham Caie, Sarah Carpenter, Colin Grant Alasdair MacDonald, Nicola Royan (President), Sebastiaan Verweij (digital officer), Helen Vincent, Eila Williamson, Marjory Williamson (independent examiner), Emily Wingfield**

1. The President welcomed Eila Williamson and Colin Grant to the meeting. Apologies were received from Tony Edwards, Elizabeth Elliot, Jonathan Glenn, James Goldstein, Luuk Houwen, Janet Hadley Williams, Tim Machan, Hector MacQueen, Sally Mapstone. Joanna Martin, Jeremy Smith and John Stuart.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the AGM held on 14 April 2016 were accepted as a true record.

3. **President's Report**

The President reported that *Duncane Laideus Testament and other Comic Poems in Older Scots* ed. Janet Hadley Williams had been published as the 2016 volume; the 2017 volume, most likely published towards the end of the year, would be *The Poems of John Stewart of Baldynneis*. Great interest was still being shown in *The Buke of the Howlat* ed. Ralph Hanna, and its offshoots, and other editions, notably *The Gude and Godlie Ballatis* ed. A.A. MacDonald, were finding new audiences.

She reported that finances continued to be a worry and that Council needed to reach further to attract new members. She went on to confirm that the Society would continue to produce works of a high standard in hard copy.

She thanked Marjory Williamson and John Archer for their work on the accounts and Sebastiaan Verweij for all his efforts on the website.

4. **Accounts and Annual Report**

The meeting received the accounts and annual report, and confirmed its acceptance of previous constitutional amendments and the risk assessment for the Society.

5. **Council membership**

The following were re-elected for three years:

Dr Sarah Carpenter

Professor Tony Edwards

Professor James Goldstein

Professor Hector MacQueen

Dr Joanna Martin  
Dr Rhiannon Purdie  
Helen Vincent

Dr Elizabeth Elliott was confirmed as being co-opted to Council.

6. **Next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in April 2018 at a venue to be confirmed. There was a brief discussion as to whether Council should organise a lecture or other event to accompany it. It was agreed that the President should look into the logistics before the next Council meeting.

7. **AOCB**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 3.45.