

**THE SCOTTISH TEXT SOCIETY  
(Scottish Charity Number SC021308)**

**COUNCIL'S REPORT**

**AND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year ended 31 December 2018**

## **COUNCIL OF THE SCOTTISH TEXT SOCIETY 2018**

### **Honorary Presidents**

Professor R.J. Lyall  
Professor S. Mapstone

### **President**

Dr N. Royan

### **Vice-Presidents**

Professor A.A. MacDonald (2016-2019)  
Professor H.L. MacQueen (2017-2020)

### **Honorary Treasurer**

vacant

### **Executive Officers**

Dr J. Martin (2017-2020)  
Dr R. Purdie (2017-2020)  
Dr S. Verweij (2018-2021)

### **Ordinary Members**

Dr S. Carpenter (2017-2020)  
Professor A.S.G. Edwards (2017-2020)  
Dr E Elliot (2016-2019)  
Professor J.A. Glenn (2018-2021)  
Professor R.J. Goldstein (2017-2020)  
Dr J. Hadley Williams (2016-19)  
Professor L.A.J.R. Houwen (2015-2019)  
Professor P King (2018-2021)  
Professor T Machan (2018-2021)  
Professor J. Smith (2016-19)  
H Vincent (2017-20)  
Dr E Wingfield (2016-19)

### **Non-Council Member being paid Office Bearer**

### **Administrative Secretary**

Mr J. Archer

### **Council's Report**

The Society was founded in 1882 as an unincorporated association. The most recent constitution is 2015. The Society is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a charity, and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The affairs of the Society are managed by its Council whose members are elected by those present at the Annual General meeting. Members of Council serve for terms of three years but may be re-elected for further terms without restriction on the number of terms they may serve. The term of Professor L.A.J.R. Houwen was extended for one additional year until the new website was operational.

A revision of the Constitution came before Council in 2015 and approval was given by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The Members of Council present their report and financial statements for the year to 31 December 2018

### **Members of Council as at 31 December 2018**

Dr S. Carpenter  
Professor A.S.G. Edwards  
Dr E Elliot  
Professor J.A. Glenn  
Professor R.J. Goldstein  
Dr J. Hadley Williams  
Professor L.A.J.R. Houwen  
Professor P King (appointed 2018)  
Professor R.J. Lyall (Honorary President)  
Professor A.A. MacDonald (Vice-President)  
Professor T Machan  
Professor H.L. MacQueen (Vice-President)  
Professor S. Mapstone (Honorary President)  
Dr J. Martin (Executive Officer)  
Dr R. Purdie (Executive Officer)  
Dr N. Royan (President)  
Professor J. Smith  
Dr S. Verweij (Executive Officer)  
H Vincent  
Dr E Wingfield

Mr J. Archer, Administrative Secretary,  
being paid part-time staff, is not a Member of Council.

**Office**

c/o SLD

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**Objects of the Society**

The Society is established for charitable objects and purposes only. Its main purpose is to further the study and teaching of Scottish literature, its language and history, particularly by producing editions of original texts.

**Principal activity and review of business development**

The principal purpose of the Society remains the publishing of editions of original texts. The Society did not publish in 2018 due to ongoing delay in completion of the advertised volume, *The Poems of John Stewart of Baldynneis*, ed. Kate McClune. This volume is not yet completed. *Rauf Coilyear* ed. Ralph Hanna has been distributed in March 2019 and Gavin Douglas, *Eneados*, rev. Priscilla Bawcutt and Ian Cunningham will be published in three volumes later in 2019.

In 2006 the Society set up a fund to establish a biennial public lecture in memory of its former President and Honorary President, Professor Angus McIntosh. The texts of the first two lectures are available for download from the website of the Society. The third lecture was held in Edinburgh in November 2018 and was given by Professor Penny Fielding, Grierson Professor of English Literature and Head of Department of English Literature, University of Edinburgh on the subject "'Evidence that Night Assist in a Further Research": Testimony, Law and the Fate of Phillip Standsfield'.

The Administrative Secretary has continued to produce newsletters to members, keeping them informed about activities and publications, news of which is also displayed on the Society's website. With the ever-increasing cost of publishing, printing and posting of volumes, the level of membership fees had to be raised from January 2018. The Council continues to consider means of promoting the Society further afield in view of the losses in both academic and individual membership.

**Statement of Council's responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Society's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, Council should follow best practice, and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and

- explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue in business

Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Society, which enable it to ascertain the financial position of the Society, and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment(Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations2006, and with the terms of the Society's constitution.

### **Statement of Council's responsibilities continued**

Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and any irregularities. Council has reviewed the material risks to which the Society is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

### **Financial Results and Reserves Policy**

The Society showed a profit of £8,435 (£4,003 in 2017). The resultant unrestricted fund of £37,289 remains available for fulfilling the objects of the Society, and in particular the publication of editions of original texts. Restricted funds of £2,219 are reserved for the McIntosh lecture. Council keeps the reserves policy under constant review and considers that the minimum reserve of £20,000 is necessary for ensuring the continued work of the Society.

### **Independent Examination**

Under terms of its constitution, the Society employed Marjory J.B. Williamson, CA, to carry out an independent examination of its accounts.

By order of the Council  
Nicola Royan (signed)

Dr N Royan (President)  
Dundee 12 April 2019

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Scottish Text Society**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Marjory J B Williamson

Non-practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

2 Laburnum Road Abrohill Cumbernauld G67 3AB

Signed Marjory J B Williamson

Date 12 April 2019

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31 December 2018**

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	2017
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Subscriptions			8,032	8,032	4,848
Book sales	2		0	0	185
Interest		17	150	167	108
Grants	5 c		3,000	3,000	-
Donations			1,970	1,970	500
Royalties			937	937	874
Total receipts		<u>17</u>	<u>14,089</u>	<u>14,106</u>	<u>6,515</u>
Payments					
Direct charitable expenses					
Publications volumes			513	513	
OCR files reformatting	5c		3,000	3,000	-
Boydell and Brewer – charges			271	271	406

Scottish Publishers Association subscription			246	246	234
			<u>4,030</u>	<u>4,030</u>	<u>640</u>
Administrative expenses					
Administrative Secretary's honorarium	3		750	750	750
Expenses and administrative costs	3	203	638	841	1,072
Independent Examiner Fee			50	50	50
		<u>203</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>1,872</u>
Total Payments		<u>203</u>	<u>5,468</u>	<u>5,671</u>	<u>2,512</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		<u>(186)</u>	<u>8,621</u>	<u>8,435</u>	<u>4,003</u>

### Statement of Assets at 31 December 2018

			£
Monetary assets	Treasurer's account		14,813
	McIntosh Lecture Fund		2,219
	National Savings Investment account		21,001
	Paypal account note	5a.	1,190
	Prepaid Publication costs		285
At 31 December 2018			<u>39,508</u>
At 31 December 2017			31,073



## **Subscriptions**

Income in the form of Members' Subscriptions is only recognised when received.

## **Book Sales**

Income from book sales is recognised both when cash is received by the distributor from the customer and the receipt is advised to the Society, and when received by the Society directly from the member.

## **Allocation of expenditure**

Where possible expenditure is allocated to the charitable activity involved, the balance remaining as management and administration.

## **Publication costs**

Costs of production of publications are written off as incurred in the year of publication. Expenditure incurred in advance for future publications is deferred until the year of publication, being treated as a payment in advance until then.

## **Stocks of publications**

The Society and distributors hold stocks of undistributed publications, but, because their costs are written off on publication, no value appears for stocks in the Society's accounts.

## **2. BOOK SALES**

The Society's publications are sold at an agreed charge through distributor, Boydell and Brewer Ltd, who are based in Woodbridge in Suffolk.

Income from book sales are recognised in the Society's accounts when received by Boydell and Brewer from the customer and the receipt advised to the Society.

**Notes to the Accounts** for the year ended 31 December 2018

## **BOOK SALES continued**

The value of gratis copies is not included in these accounts. The cost of gratis copies is included in the total cost of publications and written off at the time of publication.

## **3. EMPLOYMENT AND TRUSTEE COSTS**

The Administrative Secretary is a paid Office Bearer and receives an honorarium for work in the respective roles, but, if relevant, not as a Trustee.

Mr. Archer was not a member of Council ('Trustee') of the Society during the period under review.

No member of Council - the 'Trustees' - has received an emolument

#### **4. STOCKS**

Boydell and Brewer will print a limited number of volumes when stock of a title is running low, so containing warehousing charges. Remaining copies of the DVD produced in 2008 are now held in the National Library of Scotland, but the notional value of this is minimal.

Council continues to review the net realisable value of all stocks held.

#### **5. MATERIAL ITEMS OF NOTE**

- a. Monies paid into the Society's PayPal account are transferred periodically to the main bank account. .
- b. The proportion of interest earned on the McIntosh Legacy fund is added to the fund each year.
- c. £3,000 was received from the University of St Andrews to cover the cost of reformatting of OCR files for the Eneados volumes. Fees paid were £2500 to Dr C Flynn and £500 to Dr K Ash-Irisarria respectively for completing this work..

#### **6. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

Unrestricted Funds, being surpluses from membership subscriptions, sale of books, and bank interest received, are available to Council to pursue the Society's objectives

#### **7. SUBSIDIES FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

In 2018 no subsidies were applied for nor paid out for conference attendance