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PROCEEDINGS OF
THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HELLENIC STUDIES 2010–2011

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 3pm on Saturday 11th June 2011 in the Chancellors Hall, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU. The President, Professor Malcolm Schofield, F.B.A., was in the chair and welcomed members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed and signed. Professor Schofield highlighted the activities of the Council and Committees during the past year. The Society's Events Programme in 2010–2011 included two very successful events: a very lively and enjoyable evening on Socrates led by Professor Paul Cartledge and Ms Bettany Hughes in the Athenaeum Club and a memorial lecture to Sir Kenneth Dover by Professor Stephen Halliwell. Attendance at both was at full capacity. Several proposals under development from the Membership Working Group, including a newsletter, facebook page and new website, would hopefully continue to engage and attract members. Professor Schofield reported an increase in grant applications and noted the request from members to widen the conditions as other sources of funding were becoming more difficult to source.

Professor Schofield reported that Council had approved the Finance and Investment Committee's proposal to appoint Rathbones as discretionary fund managers of the Society's investment portfolio.

In respect of the journals (*Journal of Hellenic Studies*, *Archaeological Reports*) Professor Schofield praised Dr Angus Bowie and Dr Polly Low for their commitment to *JHS* and welcomed the new Editors, Dr Roger Brock and Dr Matthew Wright. The partnership with Cambridge University Press had been judged very satisfactory. The revised 2011 issue of 'Archaeology in Greece' would be overseen by Dr Zosia Archibald.

Finally he praised the excellent research facilities of the Joint Library and reported that a renegotiation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of London had begun in a more amicable atmosphere. The Honorary Librarian, Professor Michael Crawford, drew attention to the appeal from the Presidents of both Societies for donations and encouraged members to respond generously to ensure the excellence and longevity of the collection.

Professor Schofield thanked retiring members of Council: Dr Lucilla Burn, Mrs Marion Gibbs, Professor Edith Hall, Mr Paul Irving, Professor M.M. McCabe, Dr Fiona Hardy, Dr Ian Ruffell, Mr Robert Tatam and Ms Anne Wright.

Dr David Thomas (Honorary Treasurer) presented the 2010 Accounts for adoption. Dr Thomas reported that in 2010 the Society had net incoming resources (prior to gains on investment assets) of £102,952 as compared to £71,480 in 2009, a rise of £31,472. Part of this surplus is accounted for by capitalized acquisitions of books and periodicals for the library. He outlined that by deducting net additions to tangible assets and adding back depreciation, one would come to a surplus of £53,992, which more closely corresponds to the underlying cash position of the Society's ordinary activities. Dr Thomas noted that the equivalent figure in 2009 was a surplus of £22,059, giving a rise in 2010 of £31,933. Over two-thirds of this improvement can be attributed to the outsourcing of the publication of the journals to Cambridge University Press. He stated that gains were also made on the Society's investment portfolio and noted that the Society continues to hold significant sums in bank deposits as a result of caution in committing to a firm view one way or the other about the macroeconomic outlook. Investments plus cash deemed to be held for non-operational reasons stand at £1,045,333, giving adequate financial reserves for the medium term. However, Dr. Thomas cautioned that the position looking forward is less healthy due to the anticipated rise in space charges from the University of London. The remaining element of improvement is largely due to donor generosity: a grant from the AG Leventis Foundation and an appeal by the President to Life Members in the light of the imminent rise in library space charges.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Professor Robin Osborne and seconded by Professor Ken Saunders. The accounts were unanimously adopted. It was agreed membership rates for 2012 would remain the same.

The following nominations were proposed by Ms Sophia Fisher, Professor Michael Silk and Professor Brian Sparkes and seconded by Professor Mike Edwards, Ms Margaret Mountford and Dr Alexei Zadorozhnyy:

for election as President: Professor Chris Carey (UCL) to serve from June 2011–June 2014;

for election as Vice-President: Professor Malcolm Schofield;

for re-election as Vice-Presidents: Professor Pat Easterling, Mr Brian Gilmore, Professor Eric Handley, Mr George Lemos, Professor Robin Osborne, Professor Christopher Rowe, Professor Ken Saunders and Professor Brian Sparkes;

for election as Members of Council (to serve 2011–2014): Ms Kathryn Bryce (Brentwood School), Professor Bob Fowler (Bristol), Dr Johannes Haubold (Durham), Dr Jonathan Katz (formerly Westminster School), Dr Michael Scott (Cambridge), Mrs Andrea Thornton (BBC), Dr Phiroze Vasunia (Reading);

for election as Honorary Members: Professor John McK. Camp II (American School of Classical Studies Athens), Professor A.A. Long (Berkeley, University of California), Professor Kiichiro Itsumi (Tokyo University);

for re-election as Auditors: Larkings Chartered Accountants, 31 St George's Place, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1XD.

In accordance with the Rules and the terms of their election in 2010, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer remain in office for 2011/2012. The nominations were unanimously adopted.

Finally, Dr Thomas praised Professor Malcolm Schofield for his considerable efforts in negotiations with the University of London and Cambridge University Press; he commended his cheerful character and continued service to the Classical community, as Chair of the British School at Athens. Professor Schofield, who will continue to serve on Council in his role as a Vice President, expressed his gratitude to the Officers, Council members, the ICS Director, the Honorary Librarian and librarians. The proceedings were drawn to a close.

SOCIETY EVENTS 2010-2011

Tuesday 16th November 2010, Athenaeum Club Pall Mall, London. Professor Paul Cartledge and Bettany Hughes led a discussion on *Socrates*.

Monday 4th April 2011, Chancellors Hall, Senate House. The Society honoured the memory of Sir Kenneth Dover (1920–2010) with a lecture by Professor Stephen Halliwell, *Kenneth Dover and the Greeks*.

Saturday 11th June 2011, Presidential Lecture by Professor Malcolm Schofield, *'Trailing clouds of glory': infancy and childhood in ancient Greek philosophy*.

Saturday 11th June 2011, Professor Oliver Taplin, *Were women in the audience at the theatre at Athens? What hinges on an answer?*

Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July 2011. The Faculty of Classics, Cambridge hosted the *Triennial: A Celebration of Classics*. Plenaries were given by Professor Anthony Grafton, Professor Edith Hall, Professor Roger Bagnall, Professor Stephen Hinds, Professor Walter Scheidel and Dr Caroline Vout.