



The Literary London Society

Minutes

AGM of the Literary London Society

4 July 2012

- 1) **Welcome from LLS President, Brycchan Carey**
- 2) **Apologies:** Nicole Minott-Ahl and Mary Coghill
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting:** N/A
- 4) **Matters arising of an annual nature:** N/A

- 5) **Items for Report:**
 - a. **President:** congratulates all on the success of the Society so far. Thanks Officers for their hard work
 - b. **Vice President:** supports President's statement. Thanks Officers for their work throughout the year
 - c. **Secretary:** describes her role and responsibilities and reflects on the success of Society and the increasing amount of attention and support it's gaining.
 - d. **Treasurer:** reports on setting up of bank account and the Society's current balance of £1017 due to the registration of 59 members so far.
 - e. **Journal Editor:** confirms she has received several articles and is currently awaiting reader reports. The next issue – Spring 2012 – therefore will be published in late July/early August. The Fall issue will be published at the end of Autumn. Announces name of journal has now been changed from *Literary London: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Representation of London* to *Literary London Journal* (LLJ). Invites members to contribute.
 - f. **Reviews Editor:** reports on general success and encourages members to provide suggestions for material. Also suggests that we link review articles to Wikipedia.
 - g. **Conference Organiser:** comments that we are down about 30% on last year in terms of numbers. This is due to short lead-up time. Nevertheless, the programme has come together very well and the theme – 'Games, Sports and Pastimes' – has been a highly successful one.
 - h. **Postgraduate and early career reps** (including LLS reading group): Holly Prescott reports on problems with JISC due to there already being 2 Literary London JISC mail accounts. But mentions that there is a discussion forum embedded in the LLS website. She also announces that she's decided to step down due to other commitments, but she has been promoting the Society through 'Arts Emergency' and *The Birmingham Journal of Literature and Language*. Holly thanked for her work.

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Peter Jones reports on the success of the Reading Group, held in Senate House and open to all. There have been four sessions so far. Attendance has been good (on average 15 people). H invites suggestions for future sessions and thanks all for their support throughout the year.

6) Receive the audited accounts of the society: N/A

7) Elections

- a) Treasurer: Simon Goulding stands down. Nick Bentley nominated by David Parker. Nomination seconded by Jenny Bavidge. All voted in favour. Nick Bentley elected Treasurer.
- b) Ordinary member: Susan Fishcer nominated Simon Goulding. Laurence Phillips seconded nomination. All voted in favour. Simon Goulding elected ordinary member.
- c) Journal Editor: Susan Fischer nominated by Susie Thomas. Martin Dines seconded nomination. All voted in favour. Susan Fischer officially elected Journal Editor.

8) Ratifications of appointed positions

- a) Journal Reviews Editor: Susie Thomas – ratified
- b) Auditor: Phil Tew – ratified
- c) Early Career Representative – no one came forward. Please email Brycchan with any suggestions.

9) Questions to the Committee

Anne Harvey, surprised by how few of her friends had heard of the Society, asked how the committee intended to promote the Society in the future.

Adele responded by mentioning the LLS Twitter account, which has 140 members so far, and by outlining Committee plans to forge links with other institutions.

10) AOB

Postgraduate Prize. Nominations to be sent to Brycchan, Jenny and Adele.

11) Date of next AGM

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