

**THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008**

The Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiological Society was held at the Art Workers' Guild, London, WC1, on Wednesday, 11 June 2008. Mr Trevor Cooper was in the Chair.

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00 p.m. by welcoming members; about 40 members and guests had been present for the preceding lecture, and some 32 remained for the AGM. The following members of Council presented their apologies: Paul Barnwell, Sarah Brown, John Elliott, John Henman, Kenneth Murta, and Christopher Webster. Apologies for absence had been received from a number of members.
- 2 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 30 May 2007 at the St Anne's Church Centre, Soho, London were approved without dissent, on the proposal of Valerie Hitchman seconded by William Parker. There were no matters arising.
- 3 It was reported to the meeting that the Independent Examiner had not raised any material points regarding the draft accounts for 2005 and 2006, which had been accepted by previous AGMs on the basis that any such points would be brought to their attention.
- 4 The draft accounts for 2007 were presented. The accounts were ready for inspection by the Independent Examiner. The Chairman proposed that the meeting accept the accounts with any amendments requested by the Independent Examiner, on the basis that if such amendments were material they would be explicitly brought to the attention of the next AGM. On the proposal of Keith Lovell seconded by Alan Gray this motion was passed without dissent.
- 5 The Chairman introduced the Annual Report for 2007. He highlighted the role played by a number of members in assisting with the running of the Society. On the proposal of Paul Velluet seconded by George McHardy the Annual Report was accepted without dissent.
- 6 The President for the ensuing year, as nominated on the Agenda, was proposed by Trevor Cooper and seconded by Paul Velluet and was elected without dissent. The Chairman paid compliment to the continued interest that Dr. Buttress showed in the work of the Society, and thanked him in particular for his fascinating talk before the AGM.
- 7 The Chairman invited those members present to express their appreciation of the contribution to ecclesiology made by the Vice-Presidents of the Society in a formal motion, and this motion (proposed by Mike Wilson, seconded by Valerie Hitchman) met with the unreserved approval of those present.
- 8 The Hon. Officers and members of Council were elected as nominated, without dissent, on the proposal of Melvyn Jeremiah, seconded by Roger Cline. They were: *Treasurer*: Dr Suzanna Branfoot; *Director of Publicity and Publications (Acting)*: Trevor Cooper;

*Membership Secretary:* John Henman; *Director of Visits:* Christopher Webster; *Members of Council:* Dr Paul Barnwell, Sarah Brown, Andrew Derrick, Dr John Elliott; Keith Lovell, Professor Kenneth Murta, Paul Velluet.

- 9 On the proposal of William Parker seconded by John Allan, Mark Ockelton, MA, BD was proposed as Hon. Auditor (the Society's traditional title for the 'independent examiner' of its accounts). He was elected without dissent. The Chairman paid tribute to the active and helpful way this role had been pursued by Mark Ockelton in previous years. It was a thankless task.
- 10 Trevor Cooper thanked his colleagues on the Society's Council for all their work, and for their active engagement in developing the Society; support for this was proposed by George McHardy, seconded by Michael Wilson and carried without dissent. Paul Velluet then led those present in warmly thanking the Chairman of Council for his work during the year. Those present then adjourned for refreshments.