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THE HERALDRY SOCIETY

Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting held at the Society of Antiquaries, Piccadilly, London on Wednesday 16th October 2019 at 5.00pm.

Present: 13 members were present, together with 6 members of Council.

Apologies were received from 19 members.

1. The Chairman reported that a quorum was present. Accordingly, the meeting proceeded.
2. The Chairman read the notice of meeting and introduced the Resolution 'That the Minutes of the last AGM be approved'. This was proposed by Barbara Coker, seconded by Robert Harrison. There were 2 abstentions.
3. The Chairman's Report having been previously circulated, the Chairman added that it had been a very busy year and that Council has been working very hard on behalf of the membership. The Chairman's Report was proposed by David Phillips, seconded by Barbara Coker.
4. The Chairman proposed 'That the Report of the Directors and the Unaudited Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2018 now submitted to this meeting be received'.

At the Chairman's request, the Hon. Treasurer, then outlined the main points from the Report's Financial Review. The Society is better off than a few years ago, but still showed a loss. The subscription structure has been addressed and there is a new framework in place for 2020. The main expenditure is on venues for our lecture programme, the Society of Antiquaries is expensive. There are around 500 paying members with Institutions and Reciprocal members in addition. Every member is being chased up with regards to the new subscription framework by the Membership Secretary who then liaises with the Treasurer who contacts the member to confirm the new subs arrangements. By the end of February 2020 if subs have not been paid the March Gazette will be the last received. The majority of UK members are now paying by GoCardless DD with the overseas members paying by PayPal or Bank Transfer. Some members still prefer to pay by cheque. The Society loss of c.£5,000 is better than the loss of c.£12,000 the previous year, so going in the right direction. The new website has boosted membership and promoted sales of new and secondhand books and merchandise. We have had a lot of new members but some do not renew. From 2020 all members will get both of our publications for their subscription. The new subscription framework will be monitored over the next few

years. The Treasurer stated that he was happy to continue in post until he is 80, but urged the Council to find a replacement so he could hand over properly.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by William Beaver, seconded by Richard Baker. The Resolution that the Report and Unaudited Accounts be received was accepted unanimously by those present.

5. The Chairman introduced the resolution that the following members be appointed as Trustees and Members of Council

Sebastian Craig

David Phillips, Programme Secretary

This was proposed by Clive Alexander, seconded by Michael Fowle and agreed by those members present.

6. The Chairman introduced the Resolution that:

'This Annual General Meeting appoint Williamson, Morton Thornton LLP as the Society's Auditors, to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which the accounts are laid, and to authorise the Council of the Society to fix remuneration'

This was proposed by David Nicholson, seconded by Andrew Gray and Agreed by those members present.

7. Any Other Business

David Nicholson gave thanks to Council and Officers for their hard work on behalf of the Society.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 5.30pm.