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THE HERALDRY SOCIETY

Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 30 October 2024 at 6.00pm (GMT).

Present: 27 members were present by Zoom, including members of Council.

Apologies were received from 6 members.

The Chairman reported that a *quorum* was present. Accordingly, the meeting proceeded.

The Chairman read the notice of the meeting and introduced the resolution 'That the Minutes of the last AGM be approved'. There were nil abstentions and nil non-contents, therefore the Motion was carried.

The Chairman's Report was circulated prior to the AGM. The aim going forward is to combine live and Zoom lectures. The technology required and copyright issues had caused problems with lectures previously recorded. The reintroduction of Zoom lectures is welcomed. The Chairman's report was accepted by those present with nil abstentions and nil non-contents.

The Chairman proposed 'That the Report of the Directors and Unaudited Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 as posted on the website and circulated to the membership be received'. Anthony Willenbruch asked whether the small amendments he had suggested had been actioned. The Treasurer would investigate. Further to a query regarding Garter King of Arms VP status, to clarify David White is a permanent Vice President of The Heraldry Society but all Garter Kings of Arms are also Vice Presidents, so he is a VP twice over. The Report and Accounts being circulated prior to the meeting, that they be approved was proposed by Elizabeth Roads and seconded by Andrew Gray. There were nil abstentions and nil non-contents, therefore the Motion was carried.

There were no members of Council retiring by rotation, but John Titterton has advised that he will be standing down at this AGM. The Chairman thanked John for his contribution to the study of heraldry and to The Heraldry Society over many years.

There were two nominations for membership of Council this year, L/Sgt David Griffiths and Mads Prøitz, which triggered a ballot amongst the membership.

All votes cast by noon on 30 October, either electronically or by email, were counted. The results are as follows: L/Sgt Griffiths: 77, Mads Prøitz: 47 out of a possible 655

members. Therefore, L/Sgt Griffiths is elected to Council with Mr Prøitz being advised that he may be co-opted yet, as there are now two vacancies.

The Chairman stated that the Society is always looking for people with specific skills who can help with tasks or projects but not necessarily to come onto Council.

To appoint Natasha Lawrence as the Society's Independent Examiner, to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration. The Treasurer confirmed that there will be nil remuneration as Ms Lawrence is a volunteer this saving the Society several thousand pounds p.a. That this nomination be approved was proposed by Peter O'Donoghue and seconded by Richard Baker. There were nil abstentions and nil non-contents, therefore this motion was carried.

The Secretary reported that no items for AOB had been received.

To conclude there was a general discussion regarding forthcoming lectures and events and Society matters and a welcome to the members who had joined the meeting from Germany, USA and the UK.

The meeting concluded at 6.27pm

Dated 01 November 2024

By Order of Council

John J. Tunesi of Liongam - Secretary