



MINUTES OF 60TH AND FINAL AGM of WMS & KELMSCOTT FELLOWSHIP HELD AT KELMSCOTT HOUSE ON SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015

COMMENCED: 2.20pm

CHAIR: Martin Stott

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

The meeting was an immensely important one for the Society as it heralded our 60th anniversary celebrations starting in September and marked our reconstitution as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). Messages were received from founder member Asa Briggs and our President, Jan Marsh. With regret A. Briggs said his state of health made it impossible for him to attend, but Morris meant all the same to him as he did in 1955. Rather amusingly, J. Marsh had recently addressed a meeting on the subject 'Would Morris have used an i-pad?' Probably not, but our mission is to harness all suitable technology in the promotion of his ideas. To this end, we were planning to launch a new visual identity for the Society in September. As a contribution to this Peter Lawrence had kindly offered a wood engraving of a Burne-Jones cartoon.

2. APOLOGIES

Diana Andrews, Asa Briggs, Jane Cohen, Martin Crick, Kathy Haslam, Ruth Levitas, Jan Marsh, Paddy O'Sullivan.

3. 2014 AGM MINUTES

Adoption was proposed by Malcolm Sinclair, seconded by Peter Lawrence, and agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

In an effort to reduce printing and postal costs the Annual Report would in future only be available on our website and our quarterly mailings of newsletters and other material would be changed to 3. It was also hoped that this would help to improve the quality of the newsletter.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

Adoption was proposed by Peter Wright, seconded by Rebecca Estrada-Pintel, and agreed. It was reported that major improvements to the flooring etc should be completed by September and that further enhancements to the house and garden would start soon after that.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Society was in a very healthy state with total funds of nearly £300,000. Wendy Field proposed adoption, Natalia Martynenko-Hunt seconded this and it was agreed.

7. RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE UNINCORPORATED CHARITY

8. PROPOSAL TO ADMIT MEMBERS TO THE INCORPORATED CHARITY (CIO)

These last two items were carried on a show of hands.



**MINUTES OF THE FIRST AGM OF THE WILLIAM MORRIS SOCIETY (CIO)
HELD AT KELMSCOTT HOUSE ON SATURDAY 16th MAY 2015**

COMMENCED: 2.45pm

CHAIR: Martin Stott

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chairman had nothing to add to the comments he gave at the preceding meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no further apologies for absence.

3. RESOLUTION TO ADMIT WMS MEMBERS TO THE WMS (CIO)

This was carried on a show of hands.

4. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

All 9 candidates were appointed. It was agreed that Natalia Martynenko-Hunt, Simon Hawkins and Kathy Haslam should serve for 3 years; Jane Cohen, Rebecca Estrada-Pintel, and Michael Hall for 2 years, and Penny Lyndon, Martin Stott and Martin Crick for 1 year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Simon Hawkins proposed the re-engagement of Grays Accountants and this was agreed.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was planned to enter the new Constitution on the Society's website in the week after the AGM. The Emery Walker house was due to close for refurbishment at the end of June. The work would take nearly a year. Retail facilities at Kelmscott House were being updated to enable visitors to use credit cards etc.

The meeting closed at 2.59pm and was followed by a presentation by Simon Daykin (Project Manager for Arts and Crafts Hammersmith) on the joint WMS/EWT project mentioned in No. 6 above.