

The Society for Ecumenical Studies

MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15 April 2008 at Cheneygates, Westminster Abbey, London SW1

Members Present: Mark Woodruff, Paul Avis, Alwyn Petterson, Hilary Martin, Martin Conway, Alan Rainer, Max Lavriotes, Barney Milligan, Nicholas Sagovsky, Alan Worsfold, Teresa Burke SP, Tom Bruch, Connie Ho Yan Au, Julie Skrine, Lady Kate Davson, James Kennedy, Mark Nash, Rosaling Bearcroft, David Murphy, Clare Murphy

Guests Present: John Salter, Nicholas Lash, Jan Lash, Barbara Ross, Naomi Billingsley, Maurice Billingsley, Diane Reynolds RSA, Jonathan Goodall, Elizabeth Trott, Lawrence Farrugia, Mr and Mrs P Joyce, Bernard O'Sullivan, Douglas Knight, Charles Scibberras, Margaret McMullan, Christopher O'Brien, Michael Barnes SJ, Antony Goodfellow, Taras Sacharczuk, Athanasius McVay OSBM, Mary Lester, Graham Smith, Paul Paniccia, Arthur Wells, Ivor Smith-Cameron, Alan Gadd, William Joseph, Mark Fisher

1. **Opening Prayer**

Martin Conway, Chairman and Presiding Officer, opened with prayer.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

The apologies of David Carter, John Bradley, Dame Mary Tanner and Martin Cressey were noted.

3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 30 May 2007**

These were signed as a correct record.

4. **Executive Committee's Annual Report for 2006**

Approved. The British Region of the International Ecumenical Fellowship is interested in closer collaboration with the Society. Lady Kate Davson and the Secretary will explore this.

5. **Financial Statement and Annual Accounts to 31 December 2007**

Expenditure:	£894-66
Income:	£1165
Excess of Income over Expenditure:	£270-34
Opening balance at 1 January 2007:	£617-42
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2007:	£887-76

The Financial Statement and Annual Accounts were approved.

6. **Membership and Subscriptions**

These were confirmed at the following levels:

£20	Individual Members (£10 for retired, students, religious & unwaged)
£24	Married couples (£12 retired, students and unwaged)

7. **Election of Executive Committee for 2008-2009**

- a) **Chairman & Presiding Officer:** Martin Conway was proposed by Kate Davson. There being no other nominations, Martin Conway was declared elected. Martin Conway indicated that he would not serve beyond 2009.
- b) **Secretary:** Mark Woodruff was proposed by Kate Davson. There being no other nominations, Mark Woodruff was declared elected.

- c) **Treasurer.** Hilary Martin was proposed by Kate Davson. There being no other nominations, Hilary Martin was declared elected.
- d) **Members of the Committee:** The members of the outgoing committee - John Bradley, David Carter, Maximos Lavriotes and Alan Rainer – were proposed by Kate Davson. There being no other nominations, they were declared elected.
- e) **Honorary Members of the Committee:** Paul Murray, in view of the Society's links with the ecumenical study and composition of the curriculum of the department of Theology at the University of Durham, was proposed as an honorary corresponding member of the Committee by Mark Woodruff, seconded by Maximos Lavriotes. This was approved. Paul McPartlan, past Chairman and currently a member of the theology faculty at the Catholic University of America in Washington was proposed by Mark Woodruff as an honorary corresponding member of the committee, seconded by Maximos Lavriotes. This was approved.

8. Future Plans

Mark Woodruff gave notice of the June 14th day conference, on Atonement and Reconciliation and Ecumenism to be held at Cheneygates at the Abbey once more.

9. What is 'a Church in the Proper Sense'

Martin Conway thanked Canon Nicholas Sagovsky for his hospitality at Westminster Abbey. The formal Annual General Meeting concluded and the Chairman opened the Annual Study Seminar, welcoming and thanking Professor Nicholas Lash as the keynote speaker and repeated his thanks to the respondent, Canon Nicholas Sagovsky, A report on the seminar will be circulate to members and posted on the Society's website, www.ecumenicalstudies.org.uk