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The Honourable Society

Of Cymmrodorion

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NODDWR/PATRON: EI UCHELDER BRENHINOL TYWYSOG CYMRU / HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at the Medical Society of London, 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W1G 9EB, at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 12 May 2015, with the President, Professor Prys Morgan in the chair and with 24 members in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from seven members.
2. **Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 13 May 2014**
These had been circulated and, on the proposal of Thomas Charles-Edwards, seconded by John Elliott, were accepted by the meeting.
3. **The Annual Report of the Council for 2014**
The Honorary Secretary presented the Annual Report, which had been circulated. On the proposal of Ceridwen Roberts, seconded by Jenkin Thomas, the report was accepted by the meeting.
4. **Annual Report of the Honorary Treasurer**
The Honorary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2014, certified by the Independent Examiners, Professor Richard Lewis of Lewis & Co. Chartered Accountants.

In response to a question from the floor, the Honorary Treasurer reported that some 600 individuals and some 100 institutions were currently in membership of the Society.

The meeting noted a report from Ceridwen Roberts that it was the Council's wish to increase the number of members and that it would initiate work during the forthcoming year with a view to achieving that end.

On the proposal of Lynn Williams, seconded by Thomas Charles-Edwards, the Annual Report of the Honorary Treasurer was received.

5. **Elections**

5.1. **President**

By unanimous acclaim, and on the proposal of Peter Jeffreys, seconded by Jenkin Thomas, Professor Prys Morgan was re-elected President of the Society for the forthcoming year.

5.2. **Vice-Presidents**

The meeting noted with sadness the recent deaths of four of the Society's Vice-Presidents: Trefor M Owen, Professor R Geraint Gruffydd, Emlyn I Griffith and His Honour Dewi Watkin Powell (a former Chair of the Society's Council).

The meeting noted further that the list of Vice-Presidents included the Chancellor of Yale and that, there being no such office, the Council had resolved to recommend that that entry be removed from the list.

On the proposal of Gwenda Sippings, seconded by John Elliott, and with the exception of the Chancellor of Yale, the meeting re-elected the current Vice-Presidents.

5.3. Council Members

On the proposal of Huw Wynne-Griffith, seconded by Helen Fulton, Anne Arnold, Elinor Talfan Delaney, Peter Jeffreys, Arwyn Lloyd Hughes, Ceridwen Roberts and Rhian Medi Roberts were re-elected to serve on the Council for a further three years.

On the proposal of Jenkin Thomas, seconded by Arwyn Lloyd Hughes, Robert John, and Lynn Williams, previously co-opted members of the Council, were appointed to membership of the Council for the three-year period, 2015-2018.

6. Independent Examiner

On the proposal of Ceridwen Roberts, seconded by John Elliott, Professor Richard Lewis of Lewis & Co was appointed as the independent examiner of the accounts for the forthcoming year.

7. Observations received from a Member of the Society

The Honorary Secretary reported that:

- (i) written observations had been received from a Member about a number of matters, including concerns regarding the number of lectures which had been reproduced in recent issues of the Society's *Transactions*, and the fact that papers for the Annual General Meeting were not circulated to Members in hard copy but were, rather, available for downloading;
- (ii) on behalf of the Society, written responses addressing the various concerns that had been raised had been sent to the Member by the Membership Secretary, the Treasurer and the Editor of the *Transactions*, who had pointed out, *inter alia*, that podcasts of many recent lectures were available *via* the Society's website and that it should be possible for Members who did not have access to a computer at home to download papers in public libraries;
- (iii) the Member concerned had requested that his concerns be raised during the Annual General Meeting.

The Editor further reported that:

- (i) in addition to the texts of lectures delivered during the year, as an academic journal, the *Transactions* also included peer-reviewed, scholarly articles that had been submitted for consideration;
- (ii) although it was a matter of policy that lectures should, as a matter of course, be included in the journal for the relevant year, this was possible only if and when the speaker supplied the text, and that, although the Editor contacted each speaker to request a copy of the text, not all speakers wished to publish their papers in the

Transactions (or, in some cases, at all), and others either failed to respond to repeated requests or responded late;

- (iii) the Editor and the incoming Honorary Secretary would explore ways in which the value to the Society and its Members of securing the publication of lectures in the *Transactions* might be impressed upon speakers even more clearly than at present and that it was to be hoped that this would lead to a higher proportion of lectures being published in future years.

The meeting noted that, further to the above reports, the incoming Honorary Secretary would write to the Member concerned to let him know that his observations had been raised during the meeting, as requested.

8. Thanks

The meeting noted a report from the President that Peter Jeffreys had decided to stand down from the office of Honorary Secretary and that he would be formally succeeded in that office by Dr Lynn Williams at the close of the present meeting.

On behalf of the Council and the Society, the President thanked Mr Jeffreys for the considerable contribution that he had made to the Society during his period of office as Honorary Secretary since 2009.

The President then thanked all others who had by voluntary effort aided the work of the Society during the year, in particular the Officers.

Dr Lynn Williams
Honorary Secretary