



ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Tuesday 7 November at 2.30pm
in the Flett Lecture Theatre, Natural History Museum and on Zoom

The President, Professor Deborah Swallow, in the Chair.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 18 October 2023

The Minutes were circulated before the meeting. The Minutes were approved.

2. Annual Report of the Council for 2022

The President, Professor Deborah Swallow, presented the Report of the Council as printed in the Annual Report for 2022. The RAI proved to be ahead of the curve by holding the AI, Anthropology and the Future of Human Society conference in June 2022. There was a huge range of activity in the past year with contributions from Fellows and the wider community organized by RAI staff and the committees. It is a great credit to the RAI that so much is being done. The President thanked the staff of the RAI for everything they do to make this organization possible and noted that it was wonderful that the Fellowship continued to grow and that the RAI depended on the generosity of Fellows and would greatly appreciate any donations that Fellows might feel able to give either in the present or in the future.

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr Fiona Bowie, was in attendance on Zoom. She reported that the RAI continued to balance their budget and retain a small surplus over the past twelve months. The threats and challenges to our income remained the same with the switch from subscription to Open Access. We had continued to diversify our income and had benefitted from the strength of the US dollar. The staff would be given an inflationary increase for 2023. Dr Bowie thanked Christine Patel, Assistant Director (Finance & Personnel), for her efficiency and professionalism.

3. Appointment of Auditors

Friend-James, Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed as Auditors. This was proposed by Prof Rob Foley and seconded by Prof Bernard Wood.

4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2023-24

The Officers and Council members for the year 2023-24 as published in the House List, were elected by the Fellowship present.

5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Curl Lecturer for 2024.

The following elections were announced for 2024:

Huxley Memorial Lecture and Medal – Prof Alex de Waal, Tufts University

Henry Myers Lecture – Prof Chris Gosden, University of Oxford

6. Presentation of the Rivers Memorial Medal for 2023

The Rivers Memorial Medal for 2023 was presented by Prof Swallow to Prof Tracy Kivell, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

7. Presentation of the Marsh Award for 2023

The Marsh Award for 2023 was presented by Prof Swallow to Richard Osgood, Director of Operation Nightingale, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

8. Presentation of the Public Anthropology Award for 2023

The Public Anthropology Award for 2023 was presented by Prof Swallow to Prof Sarah Tarlow, University of Leicester, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

9. President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023

The RAI President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023 was announced by Prof Swallow for Prof James Scott, Yale University, who was unable to join us.

10. President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023

The RAI President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023 was presented by Prof Swallow to Prof Bernard Wood, George Washington University, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

11. Patron's Medal for 2023

The Patron's Medal for 2023 was presented by Prof Swallow to Sarah Walpole.

12. Presentation of the Lucy Mair Medal and Marsh Prize for 2023

The Lucy Mair Medal and Marsh Prize for 2023 was presented by Prof Swallow to Prof Sushrut Jadhav, University College London, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Signed as a true record of the 2023 AGM

Professor Deborah Swallow
President