



ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 at 3pm
in the Brockway Room, Conway Hall and on Zoom

The President, Professor Dame Sue Black, Baroness Black of Strome, in the Chair.

The Director, Dr Shankland, offered a vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Professor Dame Sue Black, Baroness Black of Strome, on behalf of the staff of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 27 September 2021

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

2. Annual Report of the Council for 2021

The President, Professor Dame Sue Black, presented the Report of the Council as printed in the Annual Report for 2021. The RAI survived remarkably well through the Covid-19 pandemic, with thanks to the leadership of the Director and the commitment of the staff. It is a pleasure to hand over to the new president, Professor Deborah Swallow. It will be a challenging time with the rise in the cost of living and possible effects on publishing and income for learned societies, but we have great confidence that the RAI will continue to go from strength to strength. Publications are an important part of the RAI and we will need to monitor developments in this sector carefully.

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr Fiona Bowie, was in attendance on Zoom. There were no questions on the accounts.

3. Appointment of Auditors

Friend-James, Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed as Auditors. This was proposed by Prof Roy Ellen and seconded by Prof Raymond Apthorpe.

4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2022-23

The Officers and Council members for the year 2022-23 as published in the House List, were elected by the Fellowship present. Thanks were recorded to the retiring members of Council.

5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Curl Lecturer for 2023.

The following elections were announced for 2023:

Huxley Memorial Lecture and Medal – Prof Chris Stringer, Natural History Museum, London

Curl Lecture – Dr Maxime Brami, Palaeogenetics Group, Institute of Organismic and Molecular Evolution (iomE), Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Mainz, Germany

6. Presentation of the Rivers Memorial Medal for 2022

The Rivers Memorial Medal for 2022 was presented by Baroness Black to Prof Gavin Murray Lucas, University of Iceland, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

7. Presentation of the Lucy Mair Medal and Marsh Prize for 2022

The Lucy Mair Medal for 2022 was presented by Baroness Black and the Marsh Prize was presented by Prof Rod Bugg, an ambassador of the Marsh Charitable Trust, to Prof Raymond Apthorpe, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

8. Presentation of the Marsh Award for 2022

The Marsh Award for Anthropology in the World for 2022 was presented by Baroness Black and Prof Rod Bugg, an ambassador of the Marsh Charitable Trust, to Dr Juliet Bedford, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

9. Presentation of the Public Anthropology Award for 2022

The Public Anthropology Award for 2022 was presented by Baroness Black to Dr Rebecca Wragg Sykes, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

10. President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2022

The RAI President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2022 was presented by Baroness Black to Prof Marilyn Strathern, University of Cambridge, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Signed as a true record of the 2022 AGM

Prof Deborah Swallow
President