



ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Wednesday 24 September at 3.00pm
in The Geological Lecture Theatre, The Geological Society, Buchanan House,
Piccadilly, London.

Co-Acting Presidents, Professor Ann MacLarnon in the Chair
& Professor Maya Unnithan

1. Formal Apologies

Apologies were given by Dr Hazel Andrews, Dr Judith Aston, Dr Fiona Bowie, Deborah Conner, Professor Rachael Gooberman-Hill, Dr David Shankland & Professor Simon Underdown

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 24 October 2024

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

2.1 minutes were proposed by Professor Richard Fardon and seconded by Professor Maya Unnithan

3. Annual Report of the Council for 2024

The Acting President, Professor Ann MacLarnon, presented the Report of the Council as printed in the Annual Report for 2023. There was a varied range of activity in the past year with contributions from Fellows and the wider community organized by RAI staff and the committees.

The Acting President thanked the President, Deborah Swallow for her support until she stood down in March 2025, Her fellow Vice Presidents, Professor Emma Gilberthorpe and Maya Unnithan for their support and the staff of the RAI.

3.1 Annual report was agreed, there were no amendments proposed.

3.2 The accounts were agreed on the proviso that the Auditors may have some amendments to be put through once the audit for 2025 was completed.

4. Appointment of Auditors (Current auditors: Friend-James, Chartered Accountants) Friend-James, Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed as Auditors.

4.1 Auditors agreed were proposed by Keith Thorpe and seconded by Professor Deborah James.

5. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2025-26

The Officers and Council members for the year 2025-26 as published in the House List, were agreed by the Fellowship present.

5.1 The Officers and Council for the year 2025-26 agreed were proposed by Professor Maya Unnithan and seconded by Dr Helen Carr.

6. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Curl Lecturer for 2025.

The following elections were announced for 2025:

Huxley Memorial Lecture and Medal: Professor Robert Foley

Curl Lecture: Dr Isabelle Winder, University of Bangor

7. Presentation of the Rivers Memorial Medal for 2025

The Rivers Memorial Medal for 2025 was presented by Professor Maya Unnithan to Professor Nayanika Mookherjee, who replied with a presentation of her research.

8. Presentation of the Lucy Mair Marsh Medal for 2025

The Lucy Mair Medal and Marsh Prize for 2025 was presented by Professor Maya Unnithan to Professor Caroline Sturdy Colls, of the University of Huddersfield, who replied with an online presentation of her research.

8. Presentation of the Marsh Award for 2025

The Marsh Award for 2025 was presented by Professor Maya Unnithan to Ralph John Regenvanu, who was unable to join us.

9. President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2025

The RAI President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2025 was presented by Professor Maya Unnithan to Professor Richard Bradley, who was unable to join us.

10. Presentation of the Public Anthropology Award for 2025

The Public Anthropology Award for 2025 was presented by Professor Maya Unnithan to Professor Laurajane Smith, who was unable to join us.

11. Presentation of the awarding of Honorary Fellow of the RAI for 2025

The award of Honorary Fellow for 2025 was presented by Professor Maya Unnithan to Benno Galuser, who was unable to join us.

11. Any Other Business

Professor Andre Singer - Proposed that future AGM's should have a description of proposed new members of Council/Trustees to better make a decision at the meeting on how to vote.

Signed as a true record of the 2025 AGM

Professor Ann MacLarnon
Acting Co-President

Professor Maya Unnithan
Acting Co-President