

Royal Asiatic Society
Anniversary General Meeting

Thursday 22nd October 2020

at 5.30pm via Zoom

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the last Anniversary General Meeting (9 May 2019)
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Report of the Council and Accounts for 2019 (copies will be available to download from the website in advance of the meeting)
4. Appointment of Auditors: Council recommends the re-appointment of UHY Hacker Young until the Anniversary General Meeting 2021
5. Address by the President
6. Election of Officers and Council Members. The Standing orders relating to this reads as follows:
 19. *No later than the 1st day of March, the same such notice in Standing Order 19 shall be sent to all Fellows of the Society having an address in Great Britain or Ireland; together with a notice that every such member, subject to Byelaws 9, 10 and 11 is entitled to nominate any other Fellow for election to any position on the Council; such nomination to take the form of a written communication, signed by the nominator and by a seconder who is a duly qualified member of the Society, and accompanied by a short curriculum vitae and a statement signed by the nominee expressing the willingness to act if elected, which must reach the Society not later than the 21st of March.*
 20. *At its Ordinary Meeting in April, having received any representations from members, the Council shall agree and recommend a list of candidates for election by the Anniversary General Meeting to serve as officers and Council members for the ensuing year.*
 21. *A copy of the list shall be sent with each notice of the Anniversary General Meeting to every Fellow of the Society having a postal address in Great Britain or Ireland or an email address; together with a notice showing separately any valid nominations received which are not incorporated in the proposals made by the Council.*
 22. *The Council's recommended list as a whole shall first be put to the meeting. If the recommended list be not carried it shall be in the discretion of the Chair to put the recommendations of the Council and any alternative nominations permitted by standing orders in several parts and in such order as to the Chair shall seem appropriate; and if no candidate or candidates shall have been nominated in excess of the number required for the particular office or offices to be filled the candidate or candidates nominated to such office or offices shall be deemed elected; otherwise the election to such office or offices and of ordinary members of the Council shall be determined by ballot, each Fellow present at the meeting to be entitled to one vote in respect of each office to be filled.*

The Council proposes the following list:

Election of Ordinary Members

Dr Helen Elizabeth Driver

Proposer: Dr G. Johnson

Seconder: Mrs E. Robb

Elected as a Fellow 12/06/2008

Dr. Elizabeth Driver BSc, MBBS, FRCPath

I have a keen interest in Asia, initially focussed on the life and work of Colonel James Tod and his travels in Rajasthan and on Indian art but now, through wide reading and several years as a Fellow of the RAS, my interests are much broader. I have served on Council and on the Finance and Investment and House and Events committees.

Professionally, I have spent most of my career as a medically qualified lawyer specialising in defence work for pharmaceutical companies in product liability cases involving injuries alleged to be caused by drugs or medical devices.

I am a qualified mediator. I retired two years ago. I was a diagnostic histopathologist at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton and research scientist at the Medical Research Council Toxicology Unit. I was an Honorary Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology, University College London and an examiner for the Royal College of Pathologists.

I was a Trustee, Royal Society of Medicine where I chaired the Audit Committee and chaired an ad hoc Working Party to investigate financial problems. I was a trustee of the Marine Society and Sea Cadets, which brought me into contact with Vice-Admiral Sir Jonathan Tod, a direct descendant of Colonel James Tod, and thus to the RAS. I have also been a trustee of Enham (charity for physically disabled adults based at Enham Alamein, near Andover) and of Plants and People Africa (a small charity supporting research on plants and their uses in Botswana). I am a Liveryman, City of London Solicitors

I now live in rural Somerset with a fox terrier called Percy and look after an excessively large garden.

Dr Annabel Teh Gallop

Proposer: Dr S. Whitfield

Seconder: Mrs E. Robb

Elected fellow 1990

Dr Annabel Gallop FBA is head of the Southeast Asia section at the British Library, having joined the Library as Curator for maritime Southeast Asia in 1986. Her SOAS Ph.D. dissertation (2002) was on 'Malay seal inscriptions: a study in Islamic epigraphy from Southeast Asia', and her most recent publication is Malay seals from the Islamic world of Southeast Asia (2019). Her main research interests are in Malay manuscripts, letters, documents and seals, and the art of the Qur'an in the Indian Ocean world. From 2008-2010 she served on the Council as Honorary Librarian.

Mr Ivan Sedgwick

Proposer: Mr L. Knight
Seconder: Professor A.J. Stockwell

Elected fellow 31/05/2018

Mr Ivan Sedgwick is an investment manager. His undergraduate supervisors included Sir Christopher Bayly and he wrote his masters thesis on British colonial penal policy. He is a member of Chatham House and the Economic History Society. He is chairman and formerly treasurer of the Travellers Club. He has used lockdown to start learning Arabic at SOAS.

Dr Michael Willis

Proposer: Professor A.J. Stockwell
Seconder: Mr L. Knight

Elected fellow in 1992

Dr Michael Willis was a Curator, Department of Oriental Antiquities, British Museum, from 1994 to 2003; Curator, Department of Asia, British Museum, 2005-2014; Corresponding Principal Investigator, ERC Research Project, British Museum, 2014-2020.

