



THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE MINUTES of Annual General Meeting for 2018

Saturday 18th May 2019
Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftsbury Avenue, London WC2H EP

Council members present: Rev R Allaway (Chairman)
 Rev J D Buxton (Hon. Treasurer)
 Dr A P Kerry (Hon. Secretary)
 Mrs J Mead

29 other members were present at the Symposium, ten remained for the AGM

OPENING Rev. R Allaway welcomed members to the meeting and opened the meeting in prayer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Copies of the minutes of the 2018 AGM were made available and had previously been published in F&T no. 66. These were approved and the minutes were signed.

ELECTION The meeting agreed to the re-election of:

- a) **President** (Sir Colin Humphreys),
- b) **Vice-Presidents** (Prof. Malcolm A. Jeeves, Prof. Kenneth Kitchen, Prof. Alan Millard, Prof. J. W. Montgomery)
- c) **Honorary Treasurer** (Rev. John Buxton)
- d) **Council** Rev. Bob Allaway, Rev. John Buxton, Dr. Alan Kerry, Mrs Joanne Mead and Prof. Meric Srokosz (ex officio) as Council members for a further three years.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS The annual accounts were presented by John Buxton. A summary sheet was circulated, and the full accounts were available for members. The balance is healthy, and has meant there is no need to increase the subscription charges, and has allowed us to put on the Symposium free of charge to attendees.

- The financial situation is satisfactory.
- The accounts were accepted.
- The auditors Jean M Gill Book-keeping Services were approved as independent examiners.
- The treasurer was thanked for the time he devotes to these matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) **Terence Mitchell** – 1929-2019. The recent death of our former Chairman Terence Mitchell was announced, a memorial service will be held on Friday 24th May at Westminster Chapel.
- b) **Academic Grants** – Council had received an application for an academic grant, which had been discussed at the last Council Meeting (Alan Kerry absented himself from the discussion as he knew the applicant personally). Council recommended that the award of £1000 should be awarded to this applicant.
- c) **Messy Church Does Science in Schools** – a funding bid had been received from BRF which was available to members and had been discussed at the last Council meeting. Council recommended awarding a grant in the amount of £3000. This was agreed.

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- d) **Genesis 'Imponderables that Point to God'** – the membership were informed that this series of apologetics talks will be held at Coventry Cathedral in September and the resources made available afterwards.
- e) **Symposium 2020 'The Christian Approach to Catastrophe'** – members were advised that next year's symposium is planned for Saturday 16th May 2020, with papers to be presented by Simon Woodman (apocalyptic scripture and end times), Ruth Valerio (environmental catastrophe) and John Day (medical catastrophe).

CLOSE The chairman closed the meeting.

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