

INCORPORATED PHONOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Saturday, 2 December 2017,
at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, London SW1,
commencing 15:30 hours.

PRESENT: Mary Sorene (Chair), John Dawson, June Harris, Pat O'Neill, Eileen Downham, Stephen Goldwater, Wendy Goldwater and Diana Walker.

1) **THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS** was the first item of the meeting and is summarised elsewhere.

2) The Notice convening the meeting was read.

3) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence had been received from, Jean Lukins, David Pritchard, Audrey Boyes, Richard Ward, Gillian Stevenson, Pam Robinson, Katie Day,

4) **THE MINUTES OF THE AGM** held on 3rd December 2016, distributed in the October/December 2017 issue of the IPS Journal, were received and they were confirmed as a true record by John Dawson and seconded by Stephen Goldwater.

5) **THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL** for the year ended 30 June, 2017 was received and adopted by the meeting, with John Dawson proposing and Pat O'Neill seconding.

6) **THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS** for the year ended 30 June 2017 was received and adopted by the meeting, with Eileen Downham proposing and Pat O'Neil seconding.

7) **ELECTION OF COUNCIL FOR THE COMING YEAR** Council members agreed to be re-elected. The following were re-elected: Mary Sorene, June Harris, John Dawson, David Pritchard, Pat O'Neill, Eileen Downham and Gillian Stevenson. We have had no applications to join and nobody has resigned. Stephen Goldwater said he may be amenable to coming on to Council at a future date, but not at this stage.

8) **TO APPOINT MR C COFFIN AS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE 2014.**

John Dawson proposed his appointment and Mary Sorene seconded.

9) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to June for her hard work as Treasurer in preparing these accounts and to Mr Coffin for examining them; thank Pat O'Neill for the Shorthand examinations; John for the social side, also Eileen for the help she has been able to give as and when she can.

The Chair had recently set up an IPS Facebook Page which had already received quite a few "Likes". The more people "Like" it, or "Share" it the further across the world it will be seen. We can post events on it. It is a public page. We need people who are on Facebook to post events on it.

John referred to a television interview last week by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Andrew Marr show when he referred to shorthand typists 20 years ago being out of work. John received a telephone call from the Times Newspaper. John told her about his work as Constituency Support Manager to The Right Honourable Sir Oliver Letwin MP, Member of Parliament for West Dorset. John was successful in being shortlisted by virtue of his shorthand and typing skills. John also told the journalist about Patrick Kinna, Sir Winston Churchill's Secretary. John told her that although there are a lot fewer shorthand typists today, there is a significant amount of shorthand writers in the House of Commons. We await her article with interest.

Our next Council meeting is already set at Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 3:30 p.m..

The meeting closed at 4:07 p.m.