



**Minutes**  
**Annual General Meeting 2021**  
**17:00-18:30, Wednesday 25 August 2021**

Meeting on Zoom Webinar

**Present:**

Professor Helen Roy MBE Hon.FRES, President, Chair  
50 fellows and members  
7 staff in attendance (non-voting)

**1. Welcome**

On behalf of all the trustees, the President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The trustees and committees of the Society were introduced to attendees. The President stated that *The Royal Entomological Society Of London Trustees' Report And Accounts For The Year Ended 28 February 2021* were circulated and made available online, in advance. The RES Annual Review 2020-21 was also made available and circulated in advance.

**2. A minute in memory of deceased members and fellows**

The President led a minute of silence in memory of deceased fellows and members

**3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3 March 2021**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 3 March 2021, as available online, were approved.

**4. Proposal: Auditors**

Dr Gia Aradottir, Treasurer, discussed the audit tender process undertaken by the RES. The fellows and members were asked to vote on the following resolution:

To appoint Knox Cropper LLP (Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor) as the Auditors of the Society in respect of the financial year ending 28 February 2022 and until the next general meeting, and to authorise Council to set their remuneration.

The vote took place online using Zoom Webinar. The Interim Treasurer explained that it was an ordinary resolution requiring a simple majority of more than 50% of the votes cast to be in favour.

The vote was recorded as follows:

In Favour 38  
Against 0  
Abstentions 2

40 members and fellows voted, and the resolution was passed.

## **5. Bye-laws**

The President gave a full introduction of the proposed changes, and the focus groups work and expert advice that had led to their proposal.

An explanatory note setting out the proposed amendments and the reasons for them was available. The Bye-Laws incorporating the proposed amendments were also available. Questions raised by members and fellows were answered by the president, trustees and external experts.

Attendees were invited to vote on the following resolution, and it was explained that this was an ordinary resolution requiring a simple majority of more than 50% of the votes cast to be in favour:

It is hereby resolved that the Bye-Laws be altered as proposed and adopted as the bye-laws of the Society in lieu of and to the exclusion of all existing bye-laws of the Society

The vote was recorded as follows:

In favour: 41  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 3

44 members and fellows voted, and the resolution was passed.

## **6. President's Report**

President Professor Helen Roy highlighted a number of activities that had taken place across the Society over the previous year. A vote of thanks was given to the trustees of the Society and a special mention was given to Prof. Chris Thomas and Dr Tim Cockerill who were now standing down at the end of their terms. Thanks were given to trustees who had stepped into interim roles over the past year. Rebecca Farley Brown and Julie North thanked and announced as Vice-Presidents for the coming year. The President introduced and thanked the Society's Senior Leadership Team and staff, committee chairs and members, consultants, and volunteers for their resilience and hard work during the year. Finally the President thanked all members and fellows for their confidence and support over the previous years.

## **7. Annual Review**

Interim Honorary Secretary Dr Richard Harrington presented highlights from the Annual Review.

A summary of the major activities and decisions taken by Council and the various committees were given. Top-level analysis of membership data, meetings, outreach activities, publishing, conservation, library and the insect identification was presented.

## **8. Financial Report**

Attendees were led through the accounts by Dr Gia Aradottir MBA FRES, Interim Treasurer.

Dr Aradottir summarised that the previous year had been a strong year financially for the Society. Income was at £1.1m with around 80% of this coming from publishing. Movement of funds at £924k with an overall surplus of c. £180k. Investments increased by £745k resulting in total funds of £19.2m.

It was reported that all Society investments had been moved to ESG (Environmental, Sustainable and Governance) funds, and that financial policies had been modernised and updated to ensure Charity Commission compliance and meeting of appropriate standards.

## **9. Honorary Fellows**

The President announced that Dr Rebecca Rosengaus, Prof. Lawrence Mound and Prof. Chris Thomas were announced as Honorary Fellows of the Royal Entomological Society.

## **10. Trustee Elections**

The following trustees have been elected to Council for a four-year term, as follows:

President-elect: Jane Hill Hon.FRES (UK)

Treasurer: Gia Aradottir (UK)

Chair of Meetings Committee: Richard Harrington Hon.FRES (UK)

Chair of Publications Committee: Shaun Winterton FRES (USA)

Early Career Trustee: Joe Roberts FRES (UK)

Trustee: Moses Musonda Mem.Res (Zambia)

Trustee: Seirian Sumner FRES (UK)

Trustee: Allan Watt Hon.FRES (UK)

## **11. Date of next Annual General Meeting**

During Ento22, date to be confirmed and subject to confirmation