

BRITISH MASONRY SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2006

PRESENT:

24 MEMBERS OF THE Society were in attendance:

Professor G.E. Edgell	(President)	Dr A.N. Fried
C.A. Fudge	(President-Elect)	D.J. Harris
Dr K. Fisher	(Secretary)	I. Harrison
P.E. Wood	(Treasurer)	B.A. Haseltine
Dr A, Arasteh		J.C. Haynes
N.E. Beningfield		E. Kjaer
G.K. Bowler		C.R. Marshall
Professor N.J. Bright MBE		Dr J.F.A. Moore
B. Clamp		J. Saunders
G. Demetri		Dr D. Spencer
M. Driver		Professor J.J. Roberts
W.A. Ferguson		P. Watt

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr A. Bell	P. Rogatzki
G. Engledow MBE	Dr J. Morton
Dr J. Forth	G. Thompson
P. Kidger	A. Trueman
T.L. Knight	

1. REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR 2005

Professor Edgell, President, welcomed members to the meeting. The Annual Report had previously been circulated to all members and placed on the Society website. In his comments he referred to the new style Masonry International, (MI), the new stationery and logo, and investment in the website. MI papers were now readily searchable and available on the website, together with the facility to handle financial transactions. He thanked Mr Thompson for his website development work. There had been three issues of MI, containing 15 papers, including one special issue dedicated to work of the Concrete and Masonry Group at Kinston University. It was intended to pursue the idea of dedicated issues in the future.

The President expressed his thanks to NHBC for their support for the mortar publication produced by the Society.

The Spring meeting in 2005 had consisted of three successful presentations held in conjunction with RICS. The Marketing Group was now established, with Professor Roberts reviewing the activities of other similar organisations. It was hoped this would lead to new ideas

for members. Production of an electronic newsletter was being pursued.

The major event in preparation was 7IMC, with some 100 papers being considered. The Conference would include a European research session, with a possible EC 6 shape factor session also to be included. A RILEM meeting may also be held in conjunction with 7IMC.

In conclusion, Professor Edgell thanked the Officers of the Society, Council members, Mrs J.C. Wood and Miss J. Parker for their work on behalf of the Society

Proposed by Mr Haseltine, seconded by Dr Moore, the Annual Report was unanimously accepted.

2. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer presented the Accounts for 2005, as detailed in the Annual Report. The Treasurer noted increased income due to the RICS event, and the considerable investment in the website. There were no questions from members. Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Dr Spencer, seconded by Professor Bright and unanimously agreed by the meeting. The audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2005 were adopted accordingly.

3. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Professor Edgell confirmed the appointment of Mr C.A. Fudge as President. Mr Fudge thanked Professor Edgell for his work during his year of office, and thanked the Officers for their work. The Society faced a number of challenges in the coming year. He wished to see the Newsletter issued regularly at about 6-8 week intervals, and feedback from members would be sought. There was a need to address the ageing membership, by attracting young members. It was unlikely there would be an autumn 2006 meeting in addition to 7IMC, which would be the major meeting for 2006. The President referred to the new format for the AGM/Luncheon meeting, with the introduction of a technical session. Although this had not greatly increased attendance, numbers and interest had increased.

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT

Mr J.C. Haynes had been nominated. Formally proposed by Professor Roberts, supported by Dr A. Fried who seconded his appointment, his election was unanimously agreed.

5. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Dr K Fisher was nominated for re-election. Proposed by Professor Roberts, seconded by Mr Harris, his appointment was unanimously agreed.

6. ELECTION OF TREASURER

Mr P.E. Wood was nominated for re-election. Proposed by Dr Fried, seconded by Professor Edgell, his election was unanimously confirmed.

7. ELECTION OF EDITOR

Mr G. Engledow had been nominated for re-election. Proposed by Mr Beningfield, seconded by Professor Bright, his election was unanimously agreed.

8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Mr G. Thompson had been nominated for re-election. Proposed by Dr Spencer, seconded by Mr Haseltine, the meeting unanimously confirmed his appointment.

9. ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9.1 Six nominations had been received for the six vacancies on Council, and are recorded as:

Dr P. Chana	Mr S.J. Knight
Dr R.C. de Vekey	Mr T.L. Knight
Dr J. Forth	Mr R. Shipman

Proposed by Dr Spencer, seconded by Dr Moore, they were elected to serve for three years.

9.2 Following the resignation of Dr A.J. Soane from Council, Mr J.N. Tutt had agreed to be co-opted onto Council for a period of two years. Proposed by Mr Haynes, seconded by Dr Moore, his co-option was confirmed by the meeting.

It was agreed Council would again pursue an overseas link for council membership, following Professor Baratta's term on council.

10. RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2007

(i) Council recommended subscriptions for 2007 should be increased by approximately 3%. Proposed by Professor Edgell, seconded by Mr Beningfield, the subscription rates unanimously approved are:

Founder and personal members	£55
Members under 25	£21
Retired members	£20
Retired Life Members	£150
Corporate Founder members	£325
Corporate members A	£325
Corporate members B	£210

(ii) Council recommended subscriptions to Masonry International should be increased in line with inflation. Proposed

by Dr Fisher, seconded by Mr Haynes, the meeting unanimously agreed this should be £60 plus postage and packing £10.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Proposed by Mr Haseltine, seconded by Mr Bowler, it was agreed that Richard F. Hawkins be appointed as Auditor for the coming year.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question from Mr Marshall, it was confirmed the previously cancelled 2006 Spring meeting would be held, with sufficient adequate publicity in 2007.

Mr Beningfield requested articles from members for the proposed Newsletter being produced in conjunction with French-Jones. It was suggested contact details for news items should be placed on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05 am.