
**MINUTES OF THE 62ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC
SOCIETY HONG KONG,
HELD ON 26TH APRIL 2022 ON ZOOM IN HONG KONG.**

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

Welcome

The Hon Secretary, Mr David McKellar, welcomed everyone to the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong.

As preliminary points, the Hon Secretary noted:

- apologies had been received from a number of members and recorded
- the welcome presence of overseas members, including the Hon Secretary himself who was sitting in the UK
- the AGM papers had been loaded onto the dedicated webpage
- there were slides to accompany the AGM
- a few housekeeping matters, given the AGM was being held over zoom: questions could be asked at any time, by a member raising his/her "virtual" hand and unmuting the microphone; or by typing the question in the relevant box
- when there would be calls for a resolution to be proposed or seconded, or for votes for and against, for convenience Dr Helen Tinsley would ordinarily propose the same, and the Hon Secretary would second (or vice versa), although members were of course free to do so too.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 61st AGM held on 20th April 2021

The Honorary Secretary referred to the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 20th April 2021. No questions on the Minutes were tendered. Receipt and confirmation of the Minutes was proposed by Mr David McKellar and seconded by Dr Helen Tinsley. They were passed unanimously.

2. Vice President's Report for the year 2021-2022 on the activities of the Society and Ride Fund

The President presented her Report. The President first welcomed members joining from all over the world, including the Hon Secretary in one country, and the President and Administrator in different venues! She then noted her report would include her report as Hon Activities Co-ordinator. Finished by thanking the Administrator, Ms Jace Au, and Davina Lee for technical support for the AGM.

There being no questions, receipt of the Report was proposed by Mr David McKellar and seconded by Dr Stephen Davies, which proposal was passed unanimously by the members present, with virtual acclaim.

3. Reports of the Honorary Librarian, Hon Editor, Hon Activities Co-ordinator and Hon Archivist

The Hon Secretary noted that the Reports had been posted to the Society's website, affording members time to digest the same. The reports were to be taken as read. No questions were received.

4. Ratification of the appointment of YM Hui Wong & Co as auditors

The Hon Secretary reported that the auditors elected at the AGM in 2021 had been unable to complete the assignment. Therefore Council had appointed YM Hui Wong & Co to undertake the audit of the Society's accounts. This therefore required ratification by the meeting. No questions were raised. Ratification of the appointment was proposed by Mr David McKellar, seconded by Dr Helen Tinsley, and passed unanimously.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2021

The Hon Secretary referred the Meeting to the Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31st December 2021. He also noted the Hon Treasurer's report thereon, the small surplus for the year, and assets of c.HK\$725,000, being over two years' of average running costs, demonstrating sound management of the Society's finances. Hon Treasurer said she expected future paid for events would keep he finances in good order, while the Society's investments remained robust. She noted that issues remain with use of paypal, and other options were being looked into, as online payments are more convenient and efficient. Questions were invited, but none were raised.

Receipt of the Report was proposed by the Hon Secretary and seconded by Ms Janet Spence, which proposal was accepted unanimously.

6. Report of the Accounts of the Sir Lindsay and Lady Ride Memorial Fund

The Hon Secretary referred the meeting to the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31st December 2021, which were to be taken as read.

7. Report of the Chairman of the Friends of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch in Britain

The Hon Secretary noted that the Report of the Chairman of the Friends of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch in Britain, which were also to be taken as read. The President noted that if any RASHK member were to be in the UK, the Friends would be delighted to receive such member at their events there.

8. Election of Officers and Members of Council for the year 2022-2023

The Hon Secretary referred to item 8 on the Agenda and the list containing the names of those proposed for election to Council which had been circulated with the Notice of this AGM. The Hon Secretary then noted that Dr Stephen Davies was unable to continue as Vice President, and unfortunately Dr Kwong Chi Man wouldn't be able to take the office of Vice President due to other commitments (cf. p.3 of the AGM Notice), but he would continue to offer himself for election as a Council member; and that the importance of filling the vacancy of Vice President was acknowledged by Council. The Hon Secretary said that while continuity was a theme, fresh blood is always sought for the Activities Committee and Council.

The Hon Secretary asked if there were any nominations for Council, other than those listed in the papers which had been circulated. None arising, the Hon Secretary then proposed to carry out the Council election en bloc and enquired if there were any objections to doing so. None having been received, Mr John Wilson then proposed and Dr Stephen Davies seconded the election to Council of those listed below. The proposal was carried unanimously and the Hon Secretary declared the following Council elected for the ensuing year:

Office Bearers:

President	Dr Helen Tinsley
Vice President	-
Hon Secretary	Mr David McKellar
Hon Treasurer	Ms Connie Carmichael
Hon Editor	Mr Tony Banham
Hon Librarian	Ms Vivian So
Hon Activities Co-ordinator	Dr Helen Tinsley
Hon Archivist	Mr Yip Chun Man

Other Council Members :

Mr Don Gasper
Ms Davina Lee (*website*)
Mr Robert Bunker (*social media*)
Dr Kwong Chi Man
Mr Roy Delbyck

The Hon Secretary noted that Council can co-opt additional members and invited those interested to speak with any Councillor at any event about doing so.

9. To elect additional Trustees to the Sir Lindsay and Lady Ride Memorial Fund for the year 2022-2023

The Hon Secretary reminded the AGM that the majority of the Trustees of the Ride Fund are ex-officio Trustees, by virtue of their position as officers of RASHKB: the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer and the Immediate Past President; and that the Trustees themselves might at any time appoint not more than two Trustees. Further the Society was able, at any RASHK AGM, to elect not more than two Trustees. The motion therefore was to elect those two additional Trustees. Mr David McKellar was pleased to propose Mr Colin Day and Dr Christopher Munn be elected, which was seconded by Dr Stephen Davies. There being no other nominations, the proposal was voted upon and approved unanimously.

10. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2022-2023

The Hon Secretary said that he was pleased to propose YM Hui Wong & Co be elected as Auditors for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Mrs Connie Carmichael, and was carried unanimously.

11. Any Other Business

The Hon Secretary asked if anyone had any other business to raise or questions.

The President thanks Ms Jace Au and Mr Ieuan Harding for their work for the Society during the year. Hon Secretary thanked everyone present for attending the AGM via Zoom. Mr Peter Crush proposed a vote of thanks to Council for the year. Mr Colin Day spoke on the Ride Fund and its publications (so far, some 36 books over 17 years).

No further business being raised, the 62nd Annual General Meeting was then declared closed by the Hon Secretary at 7.32pm. The AGM may have been followed by cocktails at individual locations.

Confirmed by President: Date: 18th April 2023