

MINUTES OF THE 211th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SWEDENBORG SOCIETY 2021

Held on Saturday 30th October 2021 at 4.00pm on ZOOM (digital platform) 36 members were in attendance

- a) The meeting was introduced by Denise Prentice and the Chair was taken by Dr David Lister.
- b) The Notice convening the meeting was sent to members in advance via letter and was published on the Society's website. The notice was introduced by the Chair and taken as read.
- c) Apologies for absence were received from Anders Hallengren, Richard Wildash, Ian Tough, Christopher Libby and John Cunningham.
- d) The Minutes of the 210th Annual General Meeting had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chair.
- e) The Chair of the Council, Dr David Lister, presented the report of the Council for the year 2020. Printed copies of the Annual Report were available on the website prior to the meeting. Special notice was given to the way the Society had so far successfully negotiated difficulties related to the COVID pandemic, and David also spoke about his time as Chair. David warmly thanked the staff and membership.
- f) The Treasurer Alec Morley introduced the findings of the Auditor's Report and the Accounts and Balance sheet up to 31st December 2020.
- g) The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts were proposed by Alec Morley and seconded by David Lister and accepted unanimously. Alec Morley then said a few words about his time as Treasurer and offered some words on the overall growth and health of the organization since 2000.
- h) WMT Chartered Accountants were reappointed as auditors for the coming year.
- i) In line with the Society's trustee rotation policy David Lister, Alec Morley, Nigel Sutton and Andrew Bentley stood down from their roles. The membership then agreed to the election of: Alan Lewin, Alan Cowley, Claire Cumberlidge and Erika Heilman; and the re-election of Andrew Bentley.
- j) There then followed a series of short presentations. Denise Prentice spoke about the Society's digital media strategy; Jacob Cartwright spoke about the Society's recent building work and upgrades; Avery Curran spoke about issue 0.03 of the *Swedenborg Review*; and Stephen McNeilly spoke on recent proposals to set up a Bookshop Café at Swedenborg House and invest in a partnership with Oxford University regarding Doctoral Scholarships.
- k) The meeting was brought to a close by David Lister.