



The Society for Army Historical Research

Registered Charity No. 247844

Notice is hereby given that the 94th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 5.00 pm at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3 4HT.

P. Howson
Honorary Secretary
15 March 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Report on the 2021 Templer Medal Award and First Book Prize to be followed by a Report on the 2022 Essay Prize
3. Appointment of the Templer Medal Sub-committee chairman.

Dr John Peaty FRGS FRHistS

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting held on 2nd June 2021 by Zoom.
5. Adoption of the Honorary Officers' Reports & the Accounts for 1 January to 31 December 2021.
6. Thanks to the contributors to the Society's Journal.
7. Constitutional Amendment
To vary the terms served by members of the Society's Council and to nominate members to portfolios. The text has been circulated to Members and appears on the website of the Society.

1. *To delete after 5(c) 'and the following functionaries who shall be Officers of the Society.'*
2. *Delete clause 5(d) and re-number 5(e) as 5(d).*
3. *Delete the present 6(a) to 6(f) and replace with:*
(a) The management of the Society shall be vested in a Council of not more than thirteen members of the Society. Each Member of Council will serve as a Trustee of the Society. A minimum of five Members shall form a quorum. Each Member of Council will normally be

responsible for an area of the governance of the Society. The area of responsibility shall be indicated on any election paper. Where a Member possesses more general qualities that may be useful to the Society, and a portfolio is not required, they shall be annotated as 'without portfolio.'

(b) All Members of the Council shall retire at each Annual General Meeting. They shall be eligible for re-election.

(c) Ordinary members may nominate fully paid-up members of the Society for election to Council. In the event of there being only one candidate for each post, the election of Council shall be taken en bloc.

In the event of a nomination for a particular post being received by the announced date and a vote being required, the Secretary shall inform the membership prior to the Annual General Meeting. Statements from candidates giving their reasons for wishing to stand and their qualifications for the post in question shall be circulated by the Secretary. A vote will be held at the Annual General Meeting using a secret ballot and the person with the most votes will be declared as elected.

(d) Council shall have the power to co-opt additional Members of the Society to fill vacant portfolios. It may also co-opt additional persons, who need not be individual members, to assist with its work. As with Trustees any such appointments shall be until the next Annual General Meeting.

Such Members will not be able to administer or disburse Society funds.

Any non-members shall be non-voting Members.

Co-opted non-members will not be required to serve as a Trustees of the Society.

(e) Council shall, in addition, find from amongst the membership a member who is willing and able to serve as Chairman. Council will recommend the person for election at the Annual General Meeting for immediate appointment.

On election the Chair shall serve normally for a maximum period of five years. Council may recommend a single extension of a further period of up to two years.

(f) Renumber clause 6(g) as 6(f) but otherwise it will remain as at present.

(g) Renumber clause 6(h) as 6(g) and amend as consistent with the new foregoing clauses.

4. Amend 8(b) to read:

All business for the Annual General Meeting, including any nominations for Council, and items of 'Any Other Business' shall be in the hands of the Secretary not less than six weeks before the date of the meeting.

Any nomination for membership of Council must be signed by the nominee and proposer, both of whom shall be paid-up members of the Society. A reasoned statement as to the portfolio for which the candidate is being proposed must accompany the nomination.

Notes:

As of 2022 the positions on Council were:

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Editor of the Journal

Reviews Editor

Templer Medal and First Book Prize sub-committee Chair

Student Member

Events Organiser

Social Media

Grants administration

Essay Prize

A copy of the Constitution can be found on the Society's website under the tab 'About us.'
If approved, these changes would be effective from the date of the 2022 AGM.

8. Election of Council.

(a) If the constitutional amendment has been passed the following are presented as members of the Council of the Society with their areas of responsibility:

Ewan Carmichael (Chair)
Andrew Bamford (Secretary)
Charles Street (Treasurer)
Christopher Palmer (Membership)
Andrew Cormack (Editor)
John Peaty (Templer Committee)
Phil McCarty (Essay Prizes)
Carol Dixon-Smith (Events)
Carol Divall (Schools liaison)
Chris Phillips (Reviews)
Eamonn O'Keeffe (Website)
Robert Fleming (National Army Museum liaison)
Rory Butcher (Student Member)

(b) If the constitutional amendment has not been passed the following are standing for re-election:

(i) as Ordinary members of Council

Ewan Carmichael
Carol Dixon-Smith
Carol Divall
Chris Phillips
Eamonn O'Keeffe
Robert Fleming
Rory Butcher (Student Member)

(ii) as Officers

Andrew E Cormack (Editor)
Charles Street (Treasurer)
Christopher Palmer (Membership Secretary)
Andrew Bamford (Hon Sec)

9. To endorse a proposal to introduce a grade of *Fellow of the Society for Army Historical Research*.

Details of the proposal can be found on the Society's website.

10. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

To propose the appointment of Haydn Wood (Partner), SRG LLP, of 28 Ely Place, London, EC1N 6AA as Independent Examiner.

11. Reports on the activities of the Society

- a. Chair's Report
- b. Secretary's Report
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. Editor's Report
- e. Membership Secretary's Report
- f. Report on Research Grants.
- g. Report on Future Events
- h. Report on Social Media

12. Any Other Business.

(To be notified to the Secretary prior to 1st April 2022)

13. The date of the 2023 Annual General Meeting to be in April 2023 on a date and at a venue to be selected by the Society's Council.

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