

**MINUTES OF THE 123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE SOCIETY HELD AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM,
GREAT RUSSELL STREET, LONDON WC1B 3DG ON
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2011, COMMENCING AT 1.30 pm**

In the Chair, Andrew Mutter, President of the Society

1/11 ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Society attended the meeting:

Nicholas Addison, Colin Aldred, Frances Akinde, Andy Ash, Katy Bevan, June Bianchi, John Bowden, Paul Brennan, Anne Brown, Lesley Burgess, Lesley Butterworth, Peter Carr, Carol Cattley, Anita Chamberlain, Alexandra Childs, John Childs, Caroline Corker, Phil Creek, Susan M Coles, Paul Dash, Joanna Davies, Jenny Durdey, Ged Gast, George Gillespie, Peter Gregory, Michele Gregson, Emma Hardy, John Haresign, Richard Hickman, Sandra Hiatt, Tomasina Hurrell, Simon Huson, Anthony Jackson, Norah Jardine, David Jones, Penny Jones, Maria Keki, Annette Kendall, Michele Kitto, Sophie Leach, Angel Louis, Patricia McKenna, Liz Millward, Carla Mindel, Adrian Montana, Andrew Mutter, Pauline Nahapiet, Oliver Nicholson, Susan Ogier, Rachel Payne, Claire Penketh, Anne Marie Quinn, Anita Reardon, Sylvia Reitzema, Rebecca Robertson, Christine Ryan, Joan Samuel, Bonnie Seager, John Steers, Clare Williams-Rowe, Tim Wilson, Danielle Woodbridge-Johns, Marlene Wylie, Susan Young.

2/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were received:

Eileen Adams, Jeff Adams, Jane Browne Todd, Melanie Jay, Alastair Laing, Peter Smith, Nick Stanley.

Sixty-five NSEAD members attended the meeting and thus the presence of a quorum was confirmed – register appended to the minutes.

3/11 PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President of the Society, Andrew Mutter, welcomed members to the 123rd Annual General Meeting of the Society. He thanked John Childs for his service as President of the NSEAD in 2009 and 2010 and the Society's staff for their dedication and commitment. He acknowledged that the Society faced a challenging year ahead.

4/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A motion to receive and approve as read the minutes (previously circulated to all members) of last Annual General Meeting of the Society held at The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG, on Saturday, 6th March 2010 was proposed by Susan Coles, seconded by Oliver Nicholson, and approved 'nem con'.

5/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

6/11 GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The General Secretary, John Steers, referred members to his published report and offered the following brief update:

- In recent months much of his energies and other NSEAD had been directed towards responding to a flood of initiatives from the coalition government most of which, if implemented, were likely to have a very damaging effect on art and design education in England. He outlined the steps that had been taken to respond to the Coalition Government's education policies and reminded members that key documents and responses had been published on the web site and through the e-update. He said that he expected this focus to continue for much of 2011 with the next hurdle being the Society's formal response to the curriculum review.
- The teaching unions acting collectively through the Teachers' Superannuation Working Party were working to oppose the coalition government's planned changes to teachers' pensions. Strike action could not be ruled out in the coming months. Attention was drawn to the forthcoming rally against the cuts in London on 26th March 2011.
- More positively the increased use of electronic communications with members seemed to be appreciated. There had been positive feedback to the fortnightly e-update and the various Facebook sites were attracting growing participation. Every effort is being made to obtain the e-mail address of every member.
- The General Secretary said that consideration was being given to providing iJADE to members on line in future although hard copies would still be available to those who preferred publication in this form. In due course it might be necessary to levy a small extra charge for members who requested hard copies.
- The General Secretary said that he expected member would have noticed his intention to retire from a full time post with the Society at the end of 2011. An election to be determine a successor will take place shortly.

The General Secretary indicated that he would be pleased to answer any questions. None were forthcoming.

A motion to receive and approve the report of the General Secretary was proposed by Ged Gast, seconded by Maria Keki, and approved 'nem con'.

7/11 FINANCIAL REPORT

The President drew attention to the report of the then Treasurer, Alastair Laing, on page 15 of the Annual Report. He said that the financial situation remained extraordinarily difficult and some very difficult decisions had been taken so as to reduce costs without affecting the services provided for members. He asked if there were any questions about the financial aspects of the annual report but none were forthcoming.

8/11 REPORT OF THE AUDITORS 2009-2010

The President reminded those present that the report of the auditors had been published and circulated to all members previously. The auditors, H W Fisher & Co, had stated that in their opinion the accounts gave a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 30th September 2010 and its transactions for the year then ended.

The auditors' report was dated and signed on 7th January 2011.

A motion to receive and approve the Report of the Auditors for the financial year 2009-2010 was proposed by Adrian Montana, seconded by Pauline Nahapiet, and approved 'nem con'.

9/11 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It was recommended that H.W. Fisher & Co be appointed as the Society's auditors for the financial year 2010-2011.

A motion to appoint H.W Fisher & Co as the Society's auditors for the financial year 2010-2011 was proposed by David Jones, seconded by Patricia McKenna, and approved 'nem con'.

10/11 FELLOWSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

The President announced that Council had conferred Fellowship of the Society on Michéle Kitto in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the work of the Society as editor of START Magazine. He congratulated her and presented the fellowship certificate to warm applause.

11/11 SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 2011-2012

The President reported that Council reluctantly had recommended, in view of the exceptional circumstances, a five percent increase in subscriptions for the membership year 2011-2012. He confirmed that subscriptions remained broadly in line with those of the large teacher unions with the added benefit of subject association membership. If agreed subscriptions in all categories would be increased *pro rata* and rounded to the nearest pound.

It was said that for full members of the Society who pay for legal aid this still represents excellent value for money since the subscription rates include both trade union support and all the benefits of a dedicated subject association. It was argued that the increase would enable members to improve its services to members next year – and even for full members paying £172 the increase is less than 55p per month after tax.

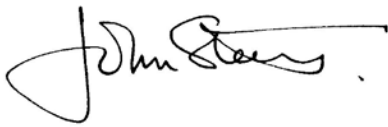
Members present were invited to comment: Sandra Hiatt said that she still believed that the Society gave excellent value for money and this comment seemed to attract general approval.

A motion to accept a \pm five percent increase in membership subscriptions for 2011-2012 was proposed by George Gillespie, seconded by Susan Young, and approved 'nem con'.

12/11 CONCLUDING REMARKS

The President, Andrew Mutter, reminded members that notice of any motion relative to the Constitution or of any other business must be delivered in writing to the General Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. As no further business had been advised, the President thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

Date and place of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society: To be determined.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Steers', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Dr John Steers
General Secretary

Wednesday, 23rd March 2011