



## *The Society for the Study of French History*

AGM,  
1.45 p.m., Monday 26 June 2017  
Main Lecture Room SW105, University of Strathclyde

### Minutes

The AGM was chaired by Máire Cross (Newcastle). Copies of all submitted reports by officers of the Society were circulated or otherwise made available for consultation. These are reproduced below.

1. Minutes of previous committee meeting

The minutes of the last AGM held in Mitre Lecture Theatre, University of Chichester, West Sussex on Monday 4 July 2016 were made available.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Committee Membership

Máire Cross (MC) presented nominations for new trustees (Munro Price and Noelle Plack), and a new President (David Andress). The committee had approved these nominations, and the membership at the AGM also approved. In addition, Andrew Smith (AS) announced that Linda Briggs had stepped down as Conference Officer, and notified the committee that we would need to seek a new person to fill the vacancy. A new Postgraduate representative would also be needed after William Clement came to the end of his term. The committee thanked Will for his efforts as PG Representative

4. Report from the President

The President, Máire Cross (MC), reported that it had been another good year for the Society and reflected on her time as President as her term was coming to an end.

5. Report from the Secretary

The Secretary reported on grant expenditure. AS announced the recipients of the Ralph Gibson Prize Award (2017), two awards made to: William Clement and Avner Ofrath. AS asked the meeting to consider applying to fill the vacant posts on the committee, and to publicise this with colleagues.

6. Report from the Treasurer

Karine Varley presented on the society's finances, and noted that the society was looking to change its banking arrangements to allow for easier access to the account to make payments and monitor the accounts.

7. Report from Postgraduate representatives

AS reported to the meeting on the activities of the postgraduate representatives. They mentioned that the next postgraduate study day is tentatively planned to take place in Oxford, though this would be confirmed after the appointment of new postgraduate representatives to work alongside Will Clement.

8. Report from the editors of *French History & Society News*

Penny Roberts updated the meeting on the journal's continuing good health, and there was discussion of the journal's approach to Open Access, supported by Clare Morton, our representative from OUP.

9. Report on Website and Social Media Matters

AS presented a report received from Will Pooley to the meeting. The society's social media presence continues to grow, and the website is healthy. AS drew attention to the strong performance of the French History Network blog hosted by the Society, and asked the meeting to note thanks to Alison Carroll and Ludivine Broch for their work as editors of the blog.

10. Report from the Membership Secretary

Claire Eldridge reported to the meeting on membership figures, and asked the meeting for help in tracing individuals still paying by direct debit to help them update their membership details.

11. Report from Conference Officer

AS thanked Linda Briggs for her work in the role, and Penny Roberts updated the meeting on plans for the next conference in Warwick.

12. Suggestions for New Activities

The President encouraged suggestions for new activities that the society could support to be sent to the committee.

13. Douglas Johnson Annual Lecture 2018

The President confirmed that the speaker for the 2018 lecture will be Malcolm Crook

14. Date of the next AGM

The President confirmed that the next AGM will take place at the Society conference at the University of Warwick, 9-10 July 2018. The next committee meeting will take place on 8 January 2018, to coincide with the annual lecture.

15. AOB

No other business was raised.

The AGM adjourned.