



# South London Botanical Institute



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 107 held on 10 Sept 2021 (online)

**Present:**

**Trustees:** Roy Vickery RV (Chair), Emmanuel Asamoah EA, Michael Clarke MC, Mel Harakis MH, Olly Parsons OP, Cath Pearson, Marlowe Russell MR, Susan Simmonds SS, Cherry Simpkin CS, Maria Vorontsova MV

**Others:** Darrell Barnes DB, Caroline Beamish, Petra Broddle, Rosemary Coddington, Lalli Coulbanis, Ruth Cousins, Lila Das Gupta, Rose de Falbe, Helen Firminger, Elizabeth Forbes, Auriel Glanville, Veronica Hammerstone, Hao Hu, Wendy Knowles, Judy Marshall, Ros Marshall, Michael Nealon, Perveen Nicoll, Avril Powell, Alona Sheridan, Karl Simmons, Kenia Smith, Craig Swick, Debra Turner, Adrian Wells.

**In attendance:** Nell Gatehouse NG, Julia Minnear JM, Sarah Webley SW.

Independent Examiners: Philip Landergan,

**Apologies for Absence:** were received from Gaby Avendano, Paul Bodley, Lucy Daniels, John Hewitt, Letta Jones, Michele Morgan, Caroline Pankhurst, Fran Rowe, Charlotte Stripling,

1.	<b>Welcome by Co-Chair/President</b>	Roy Vickery welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared it quorate.
2.	<b>Matters arising not covered in the Agenda</b>	None
3.	<b>Approval of Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020</b>	AGM 106 Minutes from 2020 were accepted as being a true and accurate record, approved and signed by Michael Clarke.
4.	<b>Annual Accounts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Emmanuel Asamoah, Treasurer and Independent Examiner, Philip Landergan</li> <li>• Approval of Financial Statement 2020-21</li> <li>• Appointment of Independent Examiner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmanuel Asamoah, Treasurer, presented the accounts and thanked staff and the Independent Examiners for all their work. He remarked that currently the SLBI remains in a good position.</li> <li>• Financial Statement: Proposed by EA, seconded by MC. Approved.</li> <li>• Appointment of Landergan as Independent Examiners: Proposed by MR Seconded by Darrell Barnes.</li> </ul>

*Founded in 1910 by A O Hume*

		Approved. RV thanked all for their work on this year's Annual Report and Annual Accounts.
5.	<b>Trustees' Report: Report of activities and plans for 2021-2022</b>	MR highlighted the huge challenges we faced in the current year and the successes that have built our confidence. MR thanked staff, the wardens, fellow trustees and volunteers for all their work in making the year as successful as it was in such difficult circumstances.
6.	<b>Questions from the floor</b>	DB suggested updating our quoracy requirements are reviewed by 2022. The Annual Report was proposed by Darrell Barnes, Seconded by OP. Approved and accepted.
7.	<b>Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotations of trustees</li> <li>• Newly nominated trustees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotation: EA MH MR CS all elected to continue as trustees.</li> <li>• There were no newly nominated trustees</li> </ul>
8.	<b>AOB</b>	The Chair thanked staff, volunteers, trustees, members and supporters who have helped so much. He mentioned the sad deaths of former trustees who made considerable contributions to the SLBI, Michael Carey and Isa Tyszkiewicz, and long-standing member, Richard Mackie He will retire as President on 23.3.22, but remain as a trustee  JM reported on events since April 2021. She said how much she has enjoyed working here and thanked all members, volunteers, gardeners, wardens and grantors and donors, old and new.
9.	<b>Chair's closing comments</b>	RV concluded by thanking John Hewitt and Jill Wilson, enthusiastic hardworking herbarium volunteers who have now retired from their work at the SLBI. He also thanked Julia for all her work as IGC- MC proposed a vote of thanks to RV, seconded by MR. The meeting ended at 6.57 pm.
The meeting was followed by a talk by Dr Fred Rumsey on his book "Broomrapes of Britain & Ireland, BSBI Handbooks no. 22".		

**Reports:** Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2020-2021