



ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Monday 27 September 2021 at 3pm
virtually on Zoom

The President, Professor Dame Sue Black, Baroness Black of Strome, in the Chair.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16 October 2020

The Minutes were circulated before the meeting. The Minutes were approved.

2. Annual Report of the Council for 2020

The President, Baroness Sue Black, presented the Report of the Council as printed in the Annual Report for 2020. Baroness Black thanked Dr David Shankland and the RAI staff for keeping the institute going through the pandemic. The big event for 2020 was the awarding of the Royal Charter to the Royal Anthropological Institute. In normal times this would have been an occasion for a large celebration, but we have had to put this on hold due to the present circumstances. The Anthropology and Geography conference was a great success and holding it online meant we were able to attract an international audience. We reopened the RAI offices on 1 September and we can now welcome visitors by appointment. Our first in person event will be the Huxley Lectures at the British Museum on 14 December 2021. Since we were unable to hold the event last year this will be a double lecture with the Huxley Lecture for 2020 by Prof Stephen Levinson and the Huxley Lecture for 2021 by Prof Stephen Shennan.

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr Fiona Bowie, reported that despite the difficulties of Covid we have maintained a stable financial status. No RAI staff members were furloughed and all were able continue with their duties remotely. We are preparing for a drop in income because of the changes to publishing models. There has also been a drop in DVD sales and it is important for us to have the film collection available via streaming as well. A Fundraising Committee has been inaugurated and is chaired by Robert McDowall. The RAI has changed to ethical funds for its investments.

3. Appointment of Auditors

Friend-James, Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed as Auditors.

4. Election of Officers and Council for the year 2021-22

The Officers and Council members for the year 2021-2022 as published in the House List, were elected by the Fellowship present. Thanks were recorded to the retiring members of Council.

5. Announcement of elections of the Huxley Memorial Lecturer and Curl Lecturer for 2022.

The following elections were announced for 2022:

Huxley Memorial Lecture and Medal – Prof Marcia Langton, University of Melbourne

Henry Myers Lecture – Prof Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford

6. Presentation of the Rivers Memorial Medal for 2021

The Rivers Memorial Medal for 2020 was presented by Baroness Black to Prof Fiona M. Jordan, University of Bristol, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

7. Presentation of the Lucy Mair Medal and Marsh Prize for 2021

The Lucy Mair Medal for 2021 was presented by Baroness Black and the Marsh Prize was presented by Prof Rod Bugg, an ambassador of the Marsh Charitable Trust, to Prof Larry Zimmerman, Indiana University, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

8. Presentation of the Marsh Award for 2021

The Marsh Award for Anthropology in the World for 2021 was presented by Baroness Black and Prof Rod Bugg, an ambassador of the Marsh Charitable Trust, to John Lord, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

9. Presentation of the Public Anthropology Award for 2021

The Public Anthropology Award for 2021 was presented by Baroness Black to Prof Thomas Hylland Eriksen, University of Oslo, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

10. President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021

The RAI President's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021 was presented by Baroness Black to Prof Ruth Tringham, University of California, Berkeley, who replied with a short address of acceptance.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Signed as a true record of the 2021 AGM

Professor Dame Sue Black, Baroness Black of Strome DBE FRSE
President