

THE SOCIETY FOR OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 9th January 2025

at the Online Winter Meeting on zoom
under the Presidency of Dr John Jarick

Welcome and Apologies

The President (JJ) welcomed Members to the Business Meeting of the Society.

There were approximately 80 people present.

The Secretary (RB) noted that apologies had been received from David Firth, Charlotte Hempel, and Joseph Scales.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Business Meeting (5th September 2024, Oxford), which had been previously available online and corrected in the previous day's Committee Meeting, were approved by the meeting. A physical copy will be signed by the President when possible.

2. Matters Arising

The President noted that the forthcoming SOTS volume, *Understanding the Hebrew Bible*, edited by John Barton, was now listed on the OUP website with a publication date of April 2025. See here: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/understanding-the-hebrew-bible-9780192845788?cc=gr&lang=en&#>

The editor (JB) spoke briefly about the volume, and it was noted that the Society anticipated that a discount would be available to members in due course.

3. SOTS Essay Prize

The *Book List* Editor (SH, chair of Publications Sub-Committee), announced that the SOTS Essay Prize was now active and that full details were available online. See: <https://www.sots.ac.uk/publications/sots-essay-prize/>

4. Proposals for New Members

The following four people were proposed and elected into membership of the Society: Dr Claire E. Carroll, Dr JiSeong James Kwon, Ms Abigail Naidu, and Ms Wenyue Qiang.

5. Nominations

The Secretary issued a call for nominations for Society President for 2027-28, pointing members to the proposal form (<https://www.sots.ac.uk/members-space/nominating-a-president/>); a call for nominations and expressions of interest for the post of Secretary, and for one vacancy for a general member of the Committee – for which members were asked to write to the Secretary; and nominations for Honorary Members, again noting the relevant proposal form (<https://www.sots.ac.uk/members-space/nominating-honorary-members/>). An email is to be sent to all members to publicise this call for nominations.

6. Gift Aid

A message was relayed from the treasurer (JS) reminding all members who have not done so, and who pay UK tax, to complete a Gift Aid form to benefit the Society.

7. Dates of Future Meetings

The Society intends to hold future meetings as follows:

Summer 2025 – Durham, Mon 21st – Thurs 24th July 2025, at Collingwood College.

Winter 2026 – Online day – details to be confirmed, likely to be 8th January 2026

Summer 2026 – provisionally at Oxford in the 1st week of September, with confirmation of details to follow.

8. AOB

The Secretary reiterated a Call for Papers that had been given at the 2024 Summer Meeting, emphasising that all are welcome to offer papers, including people at all stages of career, and whether or not they have given a SOTS paper before. Members were pointed to the website's permanent call for papers: <https://www.sots.ac.uk/sots-meetings/call-for-papers/>

There being no further business, the President declared the Business Meeting closed.

Signed:

Date: