

# THE SOCIETY FOR OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

## **Draft Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 15th July 2026 at the Summer Meeting in Nottingham under the Presidency of Dr David Firth**

### **1. Apologies for absence**

The President welcomed Members to the Business Meeting of the Society.

There were approximately 60 people present.

The Secretary noted that apologies had been received from George Brooke, Adrian Curtis, Eryl Davies, Charlotte Hempel, Deborah Kahn-Harris, Mary Mills, Holly Morse, Mervy Richardson, David Shepherd, Janet Tollington, Pieter van der Zwan

### **2. Notification of items for Any Other Business**

There were no AOB notifications.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting – to receive and approve.**

The Minutes of the previous Business Meeting (9th January 2025, online), which had been posted on the Society's website in the Members' Area, and also displayed on the conference notice board, were approved by the meeting. A physical copy will be signed by the President.

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that would not appear on the agenda.

### **5. Officers' reports**

- *Additional matters raised and/or discussed during the meeting are added in italics in bullet point notes like this.*

#### **5.1 President**

It has been an honour to serve as president of the society this year and to have hosted our conferences at Durham and online. I am very grateful to those who presented papers and participated in the panel sessions, as well as to members more generally for indulging my interests in commentaries, crisis and conflict.

On the subject of crisis, I have also represented the society at two meetings of the Learned Societies and Subject Associations Network, hosted by the British Academy, which have highlighted the grave problems faced by disciplines in the Social Sciences and Humanities across the country, to which our discipline has not, of course, been immune. Although we are fortunate to have so many members who work outside the university system in this country,

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and perhaps have more resilience than many of our larger counterparts in other fields, these are difficult times, and increasingly insecure. It seems clear that we shall need as a society to defend our discipline in the coming years, as much as to represent and celebrate it, and to work with others in doing so.

There has also been much to take pleasure in, however, and not least the judging of the SOTS essay prize: the quality of the work submitted for this was extremely high, and, if Old Testament study does manage to survive all that's going on, this bodes very well for the future.

In the course of the year, the secretaryship has passed from Richard Briggs to Zoltan Schwab, and I am very grateful to both, who have supported and chased me very effectively throughout. The summer conference would not have happened without all the work that Nathan Eddy put in, nor the winter one without Suzanna Millar, and I am very grateful not only to them but to Kengoro Goto, who played a key role in putting together the session of PG and ECR papers at Durham — something which I hope will remain a part of our programmes into the future. Joseph Scales, of course, deserves mention not only as the guardian of our prosperity, but for the work he has put into almost every discussion or activity involving finances across the year. There is a very effective team behind SOTS, and it has been a privilege to be a part of it.

Stuart Weeks

## 5.2 Treasurer

### Account Balances on 15th June 2026

|                                     | <u>(July 2025)</u> |                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Barclays Current A/C                | <u>£37,318</u>     | <u>£21,315</u> |
| Barclays IAS (Business Premium) A/C | <u>£74,734</u>     | <u>£73,873</u> |
| TOTAL                               | <u>£112,052</u>    | <u>£95,158</u> |

The funds are in excellent health. The raise from the previous year reflects the situation that the meeting payments were made directly to Event Durham by members, whereas we will need to pay an invoice this year to Nottingham (a deposit of £7,125.00 has already been made).

### Membership Subscriptions

I am pleased that many members continue to pay their subscription fees in good time. I will send an email prompt to those members outstanding after this meeting. There are currently 182 ordinary members who have paid their dues this year. I believe that the drop off in payments to this date from previous years is my failure to issue an email prompt to outstanding members. Of the 182, there are 10 members who remain on the legacy rate. The total membership subs received this year is £4,873.

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We continue to receive generous payments from our life members. Of my records, 58 life members continue to pay subscription fees. This year £1,532 has been received for our bursary fund from these donations.

## Gift Aid

I would like to request that any UK taxpayers who would like their membership dues to be claimed back through the Society via gift aid send me a completed form, which will be mailed out in the next mailing after this meeting.

## 2025 Annual Meeting Costings

I have drawn up a table of the costings for the annual meeting last year, included as appendix 1. Further information can be provided upon request.

## Ongoing expenses

In addition to the main expenses for the Society in the form of the annual meeting, I have thought it suitable to include an outline of the annual expenses for the Society in this report. At present, the Society pays an affiliation fee to TRS UK of £250 annually, and has website renewal costs which vary year on year. The contribution in recognition of the work undertaken for editing the SOTS Book List is currently £4,500 annually, which is split between the editor and the assistant editor, and paid out at six-month intervals.

Some addition payments were made in the year since the last annual meeting. These include mailing reimbursements, a sponsorship payment made to support the BA SHAPE conference in Spring 2026 and the commissioning of the Society Medal.

## Thanks

My thanks to the other officers of the Society for their work and efforts this past year, and to all others who have contributed towards the operation and work of the Society.

Joseph Scales

## Appendix 1: Annual Meeting 2025 (Durham) costings

### Outgoings:

| Purpose                                   | Amount     |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Complete cost to Durham for event hosting | £24,896.74 |
| Keynote travel costs                      | £269.87    |
| Committee travel expenses                 | £1250.76   |
| Room booking via Society account          | £670.00    |

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|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>£27,087.37</b> |
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## Income:

| Category                                      | Amount            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Durham booking system                         | £18,265.00        |
| Durham reimbursement                          | £800.00           |
| Publisher display tables                      | £350.00           |
| Room booking reimbursement                    | £735.00           |
| Deposits and other ad-hoc attendance payments | £470.00           |
| <b>Total:</b>                                 | <b>£20,620.00</b> |

**The net loss from the annual meeting 2025 was £6,467.37.**

## 5.3 Secretary

First of all, I am immensely grateful for our President, Stuart Weeks, and for all members of the Committee for graciously supporting me and putting up with all my mistakes in my first year as the SOTS secretary. Although the combination of my enthusiasm and inexperience has created some extra work for many, you have patiently endured this. Thank you!

I enjoyed preparing the Committee meetings and the forthcoming business meeting and processing of the resultant business, though I feel I should learn the art of being succinct and focused in my preparatory material if I want to support the work of the President more effectively. It was a privilege to be around at the introduction of the SOTS medal, the first year of the SOTS Essay Prize (five applications so far for the second year of the Prize), and the revision of the SOTS rules.

My further secretarial duties included:

- Overseeing the bursary allocation for the Summer Meeting (with only three bursaries applied and awarded) and helping to craft a proposal for regulating the application procedure more precisely (see proposals)
- Overseeing the applications of new members

Beyond the usual duties of the Secretary, I have identified a few pressure points with which the Society's officers are heroically struggling, that I would like to help with in the future, if I can:

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- IT security and compliance (which, thanks to the Information Officer's efforts, may be resolved soon; see proposals)
- Sorting out the Society's social media presence (see proposal)
- Setting up an EDI working group (see EDI representative's report)
- Keeping the Society's database(s) in good order
- Making the evaluation of SOTS meetings more effective

None of these fall under my immediate remit, but I feel it is my duty to support the relevant officers and the Committee in sorting these out. I could only give some time to the first two, and I hope to continue helping with all of them in the future.

Finally, I would like to honour those members of the Society who have recently passed away. We received belated notification of the following 5 deaths: Trent Butler (Jul 2020), Keith Carling (October 2020), Tomoo Ishida (April 2025), Henry Arthur Stamp (2015), Timothy Thornton (May 2024). We also received the following 2 notifications during the course of the year: David Price-Williams (September 2025), Takamitsu Muraoka (February 2026). We will remember them all at our forthcoming meeting.

Zoltan Schwab

## 5.4 Secretary for Honorary Members

I report the death, not recorded in previous Minutes, of Professor Michael Fox, b. 1940, d. January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A tribute to Professor Fox can be found on the SBL website at <https://www.sbl-site.org/membership/in-memoriam/michael-fox-tribute/>.

Our membership stands at 14. Two new members were proposed at the previous meeting and they have each agreed to accept the invitation should they be formally elected at the next Business Meeting.

The following Honorary Members replied to my emails with their news:

**Bill Brown** is now fully retired from Columbia Theological Seminary but continues writing apace. His OTL Commentary on the Psalms is now due to be completed by next year.

**Reinhard Kratz** is working in the OUP DSS commentary series on *Pesher Nahum* (and possibly also *Pesher Psalms*). He intends to come to SOTS in Summer 2027.

**Bernhard Lang's** *Dictionary of Biblical Latin* will shortly be published by Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft. He has also contributed several entries in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, including 'Performance Criticism' and 'Proverbs, Book of'.

**Christl Maier** will be with us in Nottingham, presenting an evening paper entitled 'Political Threat and Scribal Interpretation: Jeremiah's Emergence as a Prophet to the Nations'.

**Kirsten Nielsen** has, with colleagues, had published a new collection of 151 Danish hymns: "151 salmer. Et salmebogstillæg" as well as editing a commentary on them.

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**Martti Nissinen** has been given four years of funding from the Research Council of Finland for his research project 'Prophecy, Body, and Society in Early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam'. He has been prolific in publications, including editing, with Marko Marttila and Jutta Jokiranta, *Strategies for Responding to Catastrophe: Examples from Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature*. Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Yearbook 2024/2025. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter 2025 in which he also wrote a paper "Homosexualizing Sodom and the Care for Masculinity," (pp. 257-78). Martti's other publications will be listed on the SOTS website.

**Carol Newsom** has another new publication, with Eileen Schuller, due out in July: *The Thanksgiving Scroll*, OCDSS. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2026.

**Thomas Römer** has recently been awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity by the University of Pretoria. His *La Bible. Qu'est-ce que ça change?* was published in 2025 and is available on Kindle. (See also <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onUTXNsMdos> .) Having had recent knee surgery (much empathy from the Secretary for HMs) he will not be at the summer meeting.

**Bernd Schipper** greets the Society and hopes to attend the Cambridge Summer Meeting in 2027.

**Ellen van Wolde** has written in *JHS* 1 (2026), pp. 1-56 [Towards a New Understanding of the Image of God in Genesis 1:26-27: An Analysis of the Constructions of the Verb בָּרָא in the Hebrew Bible.](#)

*Sue Gillingham*

- *Noam Mizrahi and Konrad Schmid were elected by the Business Meeting to honorary membership.*

## 5.5 Membership Secretary

**The total membership now stands at 476.** We welcomed nine new ordinary members in July 2025 (seven men and two women) and seven in January 2026 (three men and four women), but sadly I have to report seven deaths (all male). One member resigned, and eighteen lapsed through non-payment of their subscription. I should note repeated messages were sent to all of those for whom we had contact information, without response (with one exception). The final outcome is a loss of nine members overall.

I reiterate the customary plea to members to keep me informed of any changes to their postal addresses and e-mails. It is open to anyone to update their details on the member database on the SOTS website. If you choose to do this, please let me know, since there are other records which require to be updated at the same time. Those who receive the printed Book List are especially reminded that an erroneous address may lead to their copy going astray.

**The male/female ratio is 312M::164F**, being 65.5% male and 34.5% female. The modest trend towards gender balance continues, albeit at a merely incremental rate.

**Members by country of residence.** These figures are limited to members in the UK and Ireland on the one hand, and in the rest of the world. The proportions are UK & Ireland 327

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(68.7%) and the rest of the world 149 (32.3%). It may merit comment that membership in the international community seems to be declining.

I have endeavoured to present regular mailings to members in such a way as to make the contents as clear as possible. I would be more than happy to receive any comments on presentation which would help to make this service better. For the record, 34 mailings were sent out since the last meeting.

DEATHS July 25 – Jul 26

[Note that three were only discovered retrospectively (in one case, extremely so), and were therefore belatedly recorded.]

Butler, Trent, 05-Jul-20

Carley, Keith, 22-Jan-26

Ishida, Tomoo 02-Apr-25

Muraoka, Takamitsu, 10-Feb-26

Price-Williams, David, 5 Sep 25

Stamp, H A, 07-Dec-15

Thornton, Timothy C G, 14-May-24

Alastair Hunter

## 5.6 *Book List* Editor (including Publications Sub-Committee)

The 2026 edition of the **Book List** was published in June. Extra care during the proofs stage ensured inclusion of the indexes and cross-references. The expansion of the word count for edited volumes from 250 to 400 words was well received by members. A special exception in word count has been made for Barton (ed.), *Understanding the Hebrew Bible*, the latest SOTS-authored essays on the state of the field.

Attentive readers of the 2026 BL will notice the disappearance of “Apocrypha and Postbiblical Studies” and the section for the DSS. The Sub-Committee decided to combine the two sections to “Early Jewish Texts (including the Dead Sea Scrolls).”

Members should be aware the conversation with SAGE about free access to the online version of last years’ Book Lists is ongoing.

David Firth is stepping down as the editor of the **SOTS Wiki**. We are thankful for David for his leadership in this aspect of SOTS’s publication efforts and we will discuss the future of the Wiki and potential successors at the summer meeting.

There are no new publications in the **OT Study Guides** past the Aug 2025 volumes by J. Woods and M. Scarlata. The series editor, Adrian Curtis, is in conversation with T&T Clark about the royalty arrangement for this series.

Two monographs have been accepted for **SOTSMS** this year, one of them from a SOTS member. Intentional advertisement (with support/led by CUP) and internal promotion among SOTS members and especially from SOTS doctoral supervisors to PhD candidates is recommended. Interested members may contact Anja Klein.

The proceedings of the 2022 meeting of **SOTS, OTW, and OTSSA** have been released in Sept 2025 (eds. H. Ausloos and C. Hempel; reviewed in the 2026 BL). The joint editing of the 2024 proceedings (eds. A. van Wieringen, K. Dell, A. Versluis) has been completed and

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the volume will be released in August 2026 as OTS 86. Another collection in OTS was released in May 2026 by Sutton and Kotzé (eds.), *Violence and the Book of Psalms*. All of these volumes include essays by SOTS members.

Alison Gray has kindly agreed to be put forward for the OTS editorial board as the successor to Hugh Williamson's role as the SOTS Representative which he has held for a significant length of time.

Annie Calderbank has kindly agreed to take over Charlotte Hempel's role as one of the three **Ordinary Members** in Sept 2027. We will consider a replacement for Deborah Rooke whose term will conclude in Sept 2028.

Lastly, we are glad to celebrate in Nottingham 2026 Moritz Adam's essay 'Ambiguity, AuthorFunction, and the Blurring of Historical Referentiality in Hellenistic Jewish Literature' as the first recipients of the newly launched **SOTS Essay Prize**.

The publications sub-committee has met online 22 Jan 2026 and will convene during the SOTS 2026 summer meeting in Nottingham.

Samuel Hildebrandt

## 5.7 Information Officer

In January 2026, I co-ordinated the online infrastructure for the Winter Meeting, including managing ticket sales on the website and hosting the event on zoom. Almost 200 people registered to participate, and the quality of the presentations and discussions was excellent. Several of the contributions were recorded, and I uploaded the videos onto the website, for any members to view at their convenience. As well as this, my role has involved general maintenance of and updates to the website over the year. Finally, I have been investigating cyber security options, to prevent any attacks or malicious behaviour and to ensure that our online safety remains robust.

Suzanna Millar

## 5.8 EDI Rep (also with TRS-UK report)

I am sad to say I have taken the decision to step back from the EDI role – since taking up post I have since also taken on a new role within the University of Manchester and I feel I no longer have sufficient capacity to give to the very important position of EDI officer for SOTS. If any member is interested in taking up the position of EDI officer, please contact the SOTS Secretary.

Since the last meeting, I began work to set up a working group and received a number of generous offers from SOTS members to join. I have not been able to set up the first meeting of this group, but I have contacted each member who volunteered to ask if the new EDI officer could contact them, should they wish to move forward with the working group.

Holly Morse

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## TRS-UK report:

### TRS UK Meeting 23 Jan 2026

- five institutions no longer able to pay their subscriptions to TRS due to their TRS departments declining
- still in need of further clarifications for REF2029, e.g., portability rules of output when researchers move institutions. Update expected in Autumn.
- updates from various institutions: some dissolution of departments, merge with related departments, or absorption underneath high level schools (e.g., in Lancaster, "School of Global Affairs"); struggles with student enrolment thresholds in various institutions, leading to discontinuity of programmes; reduced staffing as a stress point.
- significant strategies to maintain presence in HE sector: involvement in schools, work with unions, cultivate personal relationship with decision-makers at university policy level
- anticipate shared webinar with US colleagues in response to AI use in student work

### Video Campaign

As the national association for Theology and Religious Studies in Higher Education, TRS-UK is working to raise the profile of our subject. We have already created a set of videos showcasing the amazing careers that Theology and Religious Studies students (go on to <https://trs.ac.uk/studying-trs/graduate-videos/>), but now we want to celebrate what students most enjoy about their degrees.

This summer, we are launching a campaign to ask undergraduate students to record very short videos about TRS. We plan to publish the best videos online and to promote them to teachers and schools. They may also be helpful resources for university departments to use in your own Open Days and other outreach activities.

Please share the following message with your academic networks, heads of department and (most importantly) your students!

Tell us what inspires you about studying Theology and/or Religious Studies

What do you enjoy most about studying Theology and/or Religious Studies?

We are inviting undergraduate students to share their experiences by recording a short video (up to 60 secs) explaining what draws them to the subject and why it matters to them.

We're looking for videos that are genuine, engaging, and accessible in tone—there's no need for professional equipment - recordings made on a mobile phone are perfectly fine.

Why take part?

- Your video could be featured on the [TRS-UK website](https://trs.ac.uk/)
- Twenty entries will receive a **£50 prize**

Please email your video submissions to [stefanie.sinclair@open.ac.uk](mailto:stefanie.sinclair@open.ac.uk) by the 31st of July 2026. (You can also use <https://wettransfer.com/>).

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We look forward to hearing your perspective and celebrating the richness of Theology and Religious Studies to inspire future students!

## NATRE Teaching Campaign

The National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) is campaigning this summer to encourage more graduates to consider teaching careers. This is likely to appeal to at least some students on Religious Studies or Theology programmes. Some limited funding for training is available, and NATRE can offer advice to anyone considering applying to become a teacher.

As you will be aware, there is an acute national shortage of specialist RE teachers, so this is a career path with lots of job opportunities for a Theology or Religious Studies student (or for a student with a related degree background, like Philosophy, Sociology, History, Classics or Politics).

Regular updates will be posted to Facebook by NATRE for the next four weeks (<https://www.facebook.com/NATREupdate> [facebook.com]) and Instagram ([https://www.instagram.com/natre\\_update/](https://www.instagram.com/natre_update/) [instagram.com]), so please share some of these to your own social media channels. Attached are some supporting materials that can be shared with students.

Holly Morse

## 5.9 PG/ECR Rep

Since last Summer Meeting in Durham, attention has been given to the following areas:

- The compilation and maintenance of a list of postgraduate and early career members, currently comprising 32 individuals. This group reflects a broad range of methodological approaches and increasing institutional diversity, both within the UK and internationally, with a balanced gender representation. The intention remains to expand this list to include all eligible individuals.
- The organisation of a dedicated PG/ECR session at the Summer Meeting, providing postgraduate and early career members with the opportunity to present their research and receive feedback from other members in person.
- The management of a dedicated Slack workspace (SOTS PG&ECRs) for postgraduate and early career members of the Society, designed to enhance communication, collaboration, and the timely sharing of information. This helps the Representative more effectively hear their voices and relay their perspectives to the SOTS committee.

The Representative welcomes feedback and suggestions regarding additional ways to support postgraduate and early career members.

Kengoro Goto

## 5.10 AHA Rep

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The role of Arts and Humanities Alliance Rep this year has mainly consisted of being a member of the (fairly bleak) AHA WhatsApp group, which is a forum for members of academic departments and scholarly societies to share information and resources pertaining to layoffs and redundancies, and to share good practice and data to challenge the closing, limiting, or merging of departments or institutions.

SOTS contributed £100 to the AHA sponsorship of the British Academy's SHAPE conference in Spring 2026. This sponsorship gained us one ticket, and our current president, Stuart Weeks, attended to represent SOTS.

I was unable to attend AHA's annual meeting in May 2026, but there is ongoing conversation around the challenges and opportunities posed by AI, and how best to 'market' our subjects to future students and employers amidst the changing landscape of Higher Education.

Lizzie Hare

## 5.11 Archivist

There is very little to report from the SOTS archive save to note that the only missing volume of the Book List (for 1938) has been recovered thanks to Sanuel Hildebrandt and it has been digitised by the archive at Bangor University and downloaded onto the SOTS website thanks to Suzanna Millar.

Eryl W Davies

## 5.12 Conference Secretary

The conference has come together well and is running to budget. Events Nottingham was a good partner in organising the conference and we are grateful as well to a grant from the theology faculty at Cambridge for the reception honouring Katherine Dell. Using the platform TicketTailor was user-friendly and protected SOTS from the hacking issue that affected us the year before. We will aim to use it again and can also ask members their views. The Conference Secretary proposed a paid position to assist with bookings and logistics for future conferences. This role would report to the Conference Secretary and would be a creative partner in organising the conference. There was some discussion about this role and general agreement that it could be helpful. NE to draft a JD for this role, with hours and possible pay rates, to send to Joe Scales in the first place for discussion, before sending on to the whole committee. That latter step can hopefully happen in time for the winter meeting.

Nathan Eddy

## 6. Proposals for New Members

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The following seven people were proposed and elected into membership of the Society: Dr Ian Atkinson, Mr Joseph Boston, Prof Mark Elliott, Revd Dr Jordan W. Jones, Revd Dr Liz Grier, Prof Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Mr John C. P. Smith,

## 7. Nominations to Posts

Prof Nathan MacDonald was unanimously elected for the presidency of the year 2028-29  
Prof David Shepherd was unanimously elected for the presidency of the year 2029-30

## 8. Proposals and Matters for Discussion

8.1 The suspension of the (currently vacant) post of social media representative was announced.

8.2 The president announced the proposed changes to the SOTS rules with the following words:

The Committee wishes to give advance notice of a proposed revision to the Society's Rules that will be put forward for discussion and a potential vote at the next Business Meeting of the Society (that is, at the online Winter Meeting 2027). The notification is being first given here at this Business Meeting, without discussion at this time, in accordance with Rule 21, that "no ... alteration of any existing rule shall be made unless notice of motion, setting out the change proposed, shall have been given at a business session of the Society held at least three calendar months before that at which such change is proposed".

The proposal which the Committee will accordingly be bringing forward to the next Business Meeting is that the Society should make small amendments to Rules 17 and 18.

Rule 17 currently reads: *"The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Treasurer, one or more General Secretaries and the Book List Editor. The term of office of the President is one calendar year. Other Officers will normally be expected to perform their duties for no less than three years and no more than eight."*

The Committee will be proposing to the Winter Business Meeting that the words "one calendar year" in this rule, referring to the presidential term of office, be replaced by "normally one year". The reason for this proposed change is because of the recent change in presidential handovers from the Winter Meetings to the Summer Meetings, such that a "calendar year" is no longer accurate for our current practices, while the word "normally" — which already appears in the phrasing concerning other Officers of the Society — is brought now also into this phrasing in order to cover for any anomalies that may need to be in play at one time or another in a President's length of discharging his or her duties (such as has in fact happened on a number of occasions in the past on account of illness or war or other circumstances).

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Meanwhile Rule 18 currently reads: “*The Committee shall consist of the Officers, the ex-President and the President-elect, together with a number of ordinary Members not less than eight and no more than ten, amongst whom shall be an Information Officer and an Archivist.*”

The Committee will be proposing that the words “not less than eight and no more than ten” in this rule, referring to the number of ordinary Committee members, be replaced by “not less than *six* and no more than *eight*”; and that the words “amongst whom shall be an Information Officer and an Archivist” be deleted from the rule. The reasons for these proposed changes are because the workings of the Committee have, for practical reasons, not in fact been in accordance with a strict reading of the currently-expressed rule, and the Committee believes that the Society’s interests are not best served by requiring the numbers currently mandated by the rule nor by placing mandatory four-year cut-off points on the two specific roles of Information Officer and Archivist.

A full discussion of these proposed alterations to Rules 17 and 18 will be scheduled for the next Business Meeting.

## 9. Future Meetings

The Society intends to hold future meetings as follows:

**Winter 2027** – Online day: Thursday, 7 January  
**Summer 2027** – St Hilda’s College, Oxford, 6-9 September  
**Winter 2028** – Online day, tbc.  
**Summer 2028** – St John's College, Cambridge, 24-27 July  
**Winter 2029** – Online day, tbc.  
**Summer 2029** – Dublin

There being no further business, the President declared the Business Meeting closed at 1.05 pm.

## 10. Any Other Business

Some practical issues were raised as the conference was brought towards a conclusion, for example that the speakers’ institutions and countries should be noted in the written programme, and that it would be important to have an outing in the Summer Meeting Programme.

Signed: .....

Date: .....