



**ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL
and
NOTICE OF MEETING**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 211th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held
on **Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 6.45 pm**

in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

The agenda will be as undernoted:

1. Minutes of 210th Annual General Meeting of the Society
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report and recommendations,
and approval of accounts for year to 31st July 2012
4. Appointment of Independent Accountant
5. Election of Officer-bearers and Council (see page 23)
6. Any other competent business.

Supporting papers are attached.

On behalf of the Council,

Jim Mearns
Hon Secretary

Minutes of the 210th Annual General Meeting held on 21st March 2012 within the John Anderson Building of Strathclyde University

The President, Professor Sir Roddy MacSween, presided.

1) The minutes of the 209th Annual General Meeting were approved and passed as a true record.

President's Report – The President's Report was printed in the AGM papers and was circulated to members. The President thanked those who were leaving Council for all their work and support through the year.

The Report was duly accepted.

Proposal to confer Honorary Membership on Ephraim Borowski.

Ephraim Borowski would be the first Honorary Member since 1995. Mr Borowski's honorary membership was proposed by Professor Sir Roddy MacSween, seconded by Dr Pete Maas and carried overwhelmingly. In accepting the honorary membership Mr Borowski said that he was very pleased to accept this singular honour, and thanked all of the membership and the President for this honour and hoped that the Society would go from strength to strength.

3) Treasurer's Report - This was given by Mr Mervyn Lovat who presented the annual financial report and certified accounts. Mr Lovat reported that a small deficit had been made on the year but that this was smaller than the previous year due to some recovery in the financial markets. It was also reported that the investment funds had recovered slightly over the previous year and that the Society was in a solvent position.

The report was moved, seconded and carried.

4) Motion to approve the new constitution - Mr Jim Mearns presented the proposed constitution which would be sent to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in order that the Society could change its status to that of a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Mr Mearns reported that a sub-group of the Council had gone over the constitution prior to it

being made available on the Society's website. An executive summary of the changes being proposed had been sent to members and was also available on the website. Mr Mearns thanked the sub-group for their work, which had comprised of Professor John Barker, Mr Ephraim Borowski, Mr Jim Mearns, Professor Neil Spurway, Professor Hamish Scott and Professor Sir Roddy MacSween. The new constitution had been discussed by the Council and consensus reached on it. Mr Mearns outlined the key changes in the constitution which related to the term of office of the President, the role of former Presidents and the introduction of a set of Standing Orders.

The new constitution was moved by Mr Jim Mearns and seconded by Dr Pete Maas.

Dr Rose Mary Harley spoke to an amendment (propose amending III.1 by adding: "not more than three Honorary Vice Presidents nominated annually by agreement among the holders of that title still active in the Society" after "Members of Council") stating that she thought that it would be a great loss if the Honorary Vice Presidents were no longer to be Council members as it was important to retain a collective memory. The amendment was seconded by Mrs Service who felt that during her time on Council it had benefited from the advice of past Presidents. Professor Scott replied that there was a difference between losing contact and having past Presidents formally on Council and that currently nine or ten Honorary Vice Presidents could serve on Council. He believed that it was important to bring in new blood. It was also stated that charity guidelines were unlikely to support having permanent members on a governing body.

There was some discussion on what method could be adopted in selecting Honorary Vice Presidents to sit on Council should the amendment be carried. A member made the point that the formation of an ex President's cabal would be at odds with charity regulations, that the organisation should move forward and that past Presidents could always stand again for Council. Professor Leslie Barr, a past President, felt that the amendment was unclear and that he would reject it. Professor Sir Roddy MacSween sensed that there was a clear choice and that the amendment was incompatible with a modern constitution.

On a vote being taken there were eight votes in favour of the amendment

with the overwhelming majority voting against it.

The vote was moved on the proposed constitution and was passed by an overwhelming majority.

5) Appointment of Independent Accountant The Treasurer proposed the reappointment of Lewis Osborn as Independent Accountant. This was seconded by Dr Felicity Grainger and carried unanimously.

6) Election of Office-bearers and Council

The following were declared elected unopposed:

President: Prof. Hamish Scott

Vice Presidents: Dr John Carnduff, Dr Jeffrey Jay and Mr Alec Mitchell

Hon Secretary : Mr Jim Mearns

Hon Treasurer: Mr Mervyn Lovat CA

Council: Prof. John Barker, Dr Duncan Booker, Dr Mary Fraser, Dr Rose Mary Harley, Barbara McAndrew, Prof. Jan McDonald, Mrs Susan Sinclair, Karin Spalter, and Dr Carol Trager-Cowan

7) Any other competent business. Retiring President, Professor Sir Roddy MacSween, presented the chain of office to the incoming President, Professor Hamish Scott. Professor Scott accepted the chain and hoped that he would be able to build on the already strong Council. Professor Scott stressed that members could contact him if there were any issues that they felt should be addressed.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Mr Jim Mearns
Hon Secretary

REPORT BY THE COUNCIL
210th Session
2012-2013

Office-Bearers

President: Prof. Hamish Scott

Vice-Presidents: Dr John Carnduff
Dr Jeffrey Jay
Mr Alec Mitchell

Honorary Vice-Presidents: Prof. Leslie W Barr Dr Neil D S Bell
Mr Ephraim Borowski MBE Miss Dorothy Dick
Mr George Gorman Dr Felicity Grainger
Prof. Sir Roddy MacSween Dr Ian W Pinkerton TD
Prof. Neil Spurway Dr George A P Wyllie

Hon Secretary: Mr Jim Mearns

Hon Treasurer: Mr Mervyn Lovat CA

Members of Council: Prof. John Barker Dr Duncan Booker
Dr Mary Fraser Dr Rose Mary Harley
Barbara McAndrew Prof. Jan McDonald
Mr Dick Philbrick Mrs Susan Sinclair
Karin Spalter Dr Carol Trager-Cowan

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last year, my predecessor Sir Roddy MacSween, now our first 'Past President' under the new Constitution, warned against hyperbole in introducing his report and I must try to avoid the same danger. That is a difficult aim to achieve, however, since it has been another outstandingly successful session for the Society, of which I have the honour to be President. A series of consistently interesting and enjoyable lectures have been attended by audiences which have been larger than ever: these have averaged over 350, on several occasions have been over 400 and, for the visit of Lord Patten, approached the 500 mark. Our membership has also risen once again, to around 940, the highest for eighty years. A thriving membership and regularly large audiences are the foundation of any successful Society, and your Council recognises just how much it is indebted to members for our current prosperity. Members do far more than simply turn up, however; they provide interested and questioning audiences for our lectures. Several speakers have commented after their talks on just how lively the audience had been and how probing the questions had proved. This contributes in an important way to our continuing ability to attract speakers of the highest standard to address the Society.

Our programme for next session is now complete and contains some extremely distinguished speakers. These will include: Lord Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal-Democrat peer, who will talk about his work in the area of international interventionism; Karen Armstrong, the well-known writer who will lecture on faith and morality; Professor Colin Blakemore, who will speak about his research on problems of vision; Allan Little, the BBC correspondent, whose subject will be Europe today; and Karyn McCluskey, who will speak about her work with Glasgow's gang culture. Members will also hear about subjects as diverse as present-day China, the mapping of Scotland through the ages, and the problem of diabetes. We look forward to welcoming you to these lectures next session.

Three valued members of Council will be stepping down after this AGM. Professor John Barker has, over the past three years, worked tirelessly on our new Website, which exists largely thanks to his expertise and dedication; Professor Jan McDonald will be a familiar figure to you all as she welcomes members to each talk but, less visibly but no less importantly, she possesses an unrivalled knowledge of the Scottish cultural scene and has played a crucial role in securing speakers for the Society: our debt to her is particularly great; and Ms Susan Sinclair, who has contributed to the Society's work, particularly on the new Website: we shall miss them all. The introduction of the new Constitution,

as a result of decisions in March 2012 and February 2013, means that three former presidents who have been particularly active in the Society now cease to be automatic members of Council: Dr Felicity Grainger, Mr Ephraim Borowski and Professor Neil Spurway. We thank them for their many and varied contributions to our success over a long period of years and hope that they may all return to work for the Society in a new guise. After this Report had been drafted, we heard from OSCR [the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator] that our conversion to a SCIO [Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation] had been formally approved. With the imminent end of the Charitable Company, we will no longer need a Company Secretary, and we thank Mr Borowski for his invaluable service in that post over many years.

The day-to-day running of the Society has fallen largely on our administrator, Mr George Rawlinson, who has carried the heavy burden imposed by the growing membership with efficiency and cheerful good humour, and has made a quite fundamental contribution to our success: we would not be in such a thriving state were it not for George. I have also been fortunate in having an unfailingly supportive Council: running the Society has been a real team effort, and I am grateful for all their advice and practical help.

We award three medals: the Kelvin, the Graham and the Minerva. This session these were awarded to Professor Tom Kirkwood, who spoke on the science of ageing [Graham Medal]; to Professor Sir David Cannadine, who lectured on Britain as a constitutional monarchy [Minerva Medal]; and to Lord Rees who will speak about life in the cosmos [Kelvin Medal]. For many years the custodian of the Society's medals has been one of its former presidents, Professor Leslie Barr, who has arranged for them to be engraved and to be available on the night of the lecture. Leslie has now decided that it is time to pass this role onto someone else. We thank him most warmly for everything he has done for the Society, over many years, and wish him well for the future.

I have been very proud to be president of such a thriving society. I thank everyone who has made this possible: both our administrator George Rawlinson and the members of Council and, beyond that, the members, on whom our success ultimately depends.

Hamish Scott
President
March, 2013.

THE ROYAL PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER - SC000887
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER - SC015557

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SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

Directors	Professor Sir Roddy MacSween Professor Hamish M Scott Mr James Mearns Mr Mervyn Lovat
Company Secretary	Mr Ephraim J Borowski
Registered Office	D12, 160 Bothwell Street Glasgow G2 7EL
Independent Accountant	Mr Lewis J Osborne Chartered Accountant 2 Falkland Avenue Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 5DR
Bankers	Bank of Scotland Gordon Street Glasgow G1 3RS

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 July 2012. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association and applicable law as at that date.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Society, which has existed in Glasgow since 1802, was incorporated in 1879. Its main objects are to aid the study, advancement and development of the physical, natural, mental and moral sciences and the arts of design with their applications and the diffusion of scientific knowledge.

Its principal activity is the holding of public lectures over a range of topics fortnightly between October and March.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

(a) General Fund

The Society had a small surplus in 2012 on the General Fund of £744 (2011: a deficit of £839). Although subscription income was up again at £15,604 as against £15,465 in the previous year, this was more than set-off by the continued

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

increases in expenditure.

The market value of the investments held by the Society in two Charifunds has again increased this year by £2,980, giving a total value at 31 July 2012 of £163,643. At 22 February 2013, the market value was £185,275.

On the expenditure side, the main expense was the increase in administration costs reflecting the need to take care of the Society's day to day needs. This extra cost is a reflection on the increased membership and the associated costs, including increased communication. A one-off reduction in Hall Rental as a result of an over-accrual in previous years, offset much of the increased expenditure.

(b) Kelvin Fund

No monies were ingathered or disbursed in connection with the Fund during the year under review. The Society has not yet allocated the outstanding balance on the Fund. The Fund will be used for members' benefit within the general sphere of education.

OPERATING REVIEW

The society had another very successful year, with membership in excess of 900 . Average attendances are increasing continually which is a reflection on the quality of speakers which we continue to attract, and the reputation of the Society. There were 12 lectures during the year 2011-2012. If suitable speakers become available, the Society will hold additional meetings within the same seasons.

The increased membership and the related increase in subscription income have helped stabilise our income.

The Council proposes no increase in subscriptions for the year 2012-2013.

Mr George Rawlinson, our administrator, continues to be an invaluable addition to the society and has been involved on improving and developing our members' services and our internet presence.

INVESTMENT POLICY

In general, funds are placed with the Society's bankers but the main source of investment income comes from the unit trust holding in M & G's Charifunds, in which we switched a portion of our income into capital accumulation units. The reported yield is 3%, including some capital appreciation.

DIRECTORS

The Directors in office during the year are shown below.

Professor Sir Roddy MacSween

Professor Hamish M Scott (appointed March 2012)

Dr Felicity Grainger (resigned March 2012)

Mr Mervyn M Lovat CA

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

Mrs Mairi L Mitchell (resigned March 2012)

Mr James Mearns (appointed March 2012)

AUDIT EXEMPTION AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Directors have decided to take advantage of the audit exemption provisions of the Companies Act 2006. Under the provisions of the Act, Lewis J Osborne has been appointed as Independent Examiner. His report is shown on Page 4. He is willing to continue in this position and a resolution proposing his reappointment will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of its incoming resources and resources expended for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue to operate.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Society's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In addition, the Directors are required to prepare financial statements for each financial period in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Ephraim J Borowski

Company Secretary

GLASGOW 5th March 2013

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE ROYAL PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF
GLASGOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, I have prepared for your approval the accounts of The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow for the year ended 31 July 2012 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given me.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, I am subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icas.org.uk/accountspreparationguidance>.

This report is made solely to the Directors of The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow in accordance with the terms of my engagement letter dated 19 May 2006.

My work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland as detailed at www.icas.org.uk/accountspreparationguidance. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not assume responsibility to anyone other than The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow and its Directors for my work or this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow. You consider that The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

I have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of The Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow. For this reason, I have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to me and I do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the

company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lewis J Osborne
Chartered Accountant
Date: 5 March 2013

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2012

	2012			2011		
	General Fund	Kelvin Fund	Total	General Fund	Kelvin Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Subscriptions	15604	0	15604	15465	0	15465
Income Tax Recoverable	3821	0	3821	4214	0	4214
Investment Income	3862	0	3862	3791	0	3791
Interest Receivable	75	0	75	54	0	54
Donation	250	0	250	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	23612	0	23612	23524	0	23524
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Hall Rent	1738	0	1738	4288	0	4288
Lecturers' Expenses	3690	0	3690	3000	0	3000
Refreshments	3798	0	3798	4001	0	4001
Other Lecture Costs	480	0	480	480	0	480
Web Site Costs	44	0	44	1824	0	1824
Printing and Stationery	1998	0	1998	2618	0	2618
Postages	792	0	792	396	0	396
Miscellaneous Expenses	1195	0	1195	991	0	991
Special Event Expenses (net)	1024	0	1024	0	0	0
	14759	0	14759	17598	0	17598
Management and Administration	8109	0	8109	6765	0	6765
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	22868	0	22868	24363	0	24363
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	744	0	744	-839	0	-839

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the Society's activities were initiated or discontinued during the current or previous years.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

	2012			2011		
	General Fund	Kelvin Fund	Total	General Fund	Kelvin Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	744	0	744	-839	0	-839
Change in Market Value of Investments	2980	0	2980	17247	0	17247
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR	3724	0	3724	16408	0	16408

The notes on pages 16 and 17 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements, with the exception of investments, have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting by Charities.

In addition, the accounts have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the Society qualifies as a small company.

Tangible Fixed Assets

President's Insignia - Jenny Johnston Memorial and gold chain- stated at cost

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment - stated at cost

Investments - stated at market value

Depreciation

Depreciation of Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment is provide at the following annual rate in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life. 33.3% straight line

The Assets of the Society include, a bronze bust of Lord Kelvin - currently held in the custodianship of the Hunterian Museum at the University of Glasgow, the President's chair - currently held in the custodianship of the University of Strathclyde, the audio equipment used at meetings, and the insignia of office of the President. Replicas of the bust are owned by the Society. The archives of the Society are held in the library of the University of Glasgow.

Investment Income

Income from investments is accounted for on the date on which it falls due for payment

2. COMPANY STATUS

The Society is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, and not having a share capital. Every ordinary member of the Society guarantees in the event of the Society being wound up such amount not exceeding 25 pence as may be required to discharge debts and liabilities of the Society.

3. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF FUNDS

The General Fund is for the provision of finance for fulfilment of the aims and objective of the Society. The main purposes of the Kelvin Fund are set out in the Directors' Report.

4. DIRECTORS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES

None of the directors received remuneration during the year and the Society has no employees.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £
Cost at 1 August 2011	1215
Additions	351
Cost at 31 July 2012	<u>1566</u>
Depreciation at 1 August 2011	1189
Depreciation Charge for Year	143
Depreciation at 31 July 2012	<u>1332</u>
Net Book Value at 31 July 2012	<u>234</u>
Net Book Value at 31 July 2011	<u>26</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012

6. INVESTMENTS

	2012	2011
	£	£
Cost	45273	45273
Market Value		
At beginning of year	160663	143415
Change in market value	<u>2980</u>	<u>17247</u>
At end of year	<u><u>163643</u></u>	<u><u>160662</u></u>

The Investments are listed on a recognised stock exchange.

7. GENERAL FUND

	2012	2011
	£	£
At beginning of year	196036	179628
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>744</u>	<u>-839</u>
	196780	178789
Change in market value of Investments	<u>2980</u>	<u>17247</u>
At end of year	<u><u>199760</u></u>	<u><u>196036</u></u>

8. KELVIN FUND

	2012	2011
	£	£
At beginning of year	1703	1703
Donations to Kelvin Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	1703	1703
Less: Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At end of year	<u><u>1703</u></u>	<u><u>1703</u></u>

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Society has no material commitments or contingent liabilities outstanding at the year end.

**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2012**

	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions		15604		15465
Income Tax Recovered		<u>3821</u>		<u>4214</u>
		19425		19679
Investment Income	3862		3791	
Donations	250		0	
Bank Interest		<u>75</u>		<u>54</u>
		4187		3845
Total Income		<u><u>23612</u></u>		<u><u>23524</u></u>
Expenditure				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Hall Rent		1738		4288
Lecturers' Expenses		3690		3000
Refreshments		3798		4001
Other Lecture Costs		480		480
Web Site Costs		44		1824
Printing and Stationery		1998		2618
Postages		792		396
Miscellaneous Expenses		<u>1195</u>		<u>991</u>
		13735		17598
Special Event Expenses				
Expenses	1874		0	
Income	<u>-850</u>		<u>0</u>	
		<u>1024</u>		<u>0</u>
		14759		17598
Management and Administration				
Secretarial Services		7546		6200
Annual Return Fee		20		15
Accountant's Remuneration		400		400
Depreciation		<u>143</u>		<u>150</u>
		8109		6765
Total Expenditure		<u><u>22868</u></u>		<u><u>24363</u></u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year carried forward		<u><u>744</u></u>		<u><u>-839</u></u>



top - another full house on lecture night
bottom - Left in the foreground, The President, Professor Hamish Scott, chats to members at the Soirée held in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow
Minute of Extraordinary General Meeting held on Wednesday 6
February 2013

Due notice having been given and relevant documents made available to members an Extraordinary General Meeting was called to discuss the following proposition relating to the Society's application to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation:

“At the AGM held on 21 March 2012, members approved in principle new draft constitution. They further agreed that this draft be presented to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and that any subsequent revised draft incorporating changes suggested by OSCR be brought back to a meeting of the Society for formal approval and implementation. Discussions having been held with OSCR and relevant revisions made, Council seeks the membership's approval of the new Constitution and its immediate adoption.”

The meeting was chaired by the President, Professor Hamish Scott. The meeting was quorate with 307 members present. The motion to adopt the new constitution and convert to a SCIO was formally proposed by Professor Roddy MacSween and seconded By Mr Ephraim Borowski . There being no questions, the President called for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously. The President thanked the members and stated that the Council would proceed to formally submit the required documents to OSCR. He then closed the meeting.

Professor Hamish Scott
39 Winton Drive
Glasgow
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Our ref: RS/SCAM/12-0001

06 March 2013

Dear Professor Scott

**Confirmation of Conversion into a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)
Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow, SC015557**

I am pleased to confirm that the above organisation has been converted into a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). This means it is no longer a charitable company and from the date noted below is a SCIO having charitable status under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

The details of your charity's entry in the Register are set out below.
Please check these details and let us know of any errors.

Your SCIO's registered name is:	Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow
Your charity number is:	SC015557
Your SCIO was registered on:	06 March 2013
Your principal contact address is:	9 Mearnscroft Road Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 5QH
	Charity Trustee's home address
Your charitable purposes are:	(b) the advancement of education (g) the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science
Your charitable objects are:	The objects of the Society are to aid the study, diffusion and advancement of the arts and sciences, with their applications, and the better understanding of public affairs.
Your SCIO's financial year end date is:	31/07

INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

LECTURES

210th Lecture Series

5 October	Prof. Gordon Campbell	The King James Bible: language and literature
19 October	Prof Chris Stringer	The origins of our species
2 November	Dr Victoria Crowe	Inspiration and process - the creative journey
16 November	The Rt Hon George Reid	Getting to yes
30 November	Prof. Chris Frith	What is consciousness for?
14 December	Dr Jean Venables	The importance of water and climate change in food production
2012		
11 January	Mr John Donaldson	Grand designs - Stirling 1540
25 January	Ms Shami Chakrabarti	Common values - the Human Rights Act: what we have to lose
8 February	Prof. Sir John Burn	Twins, genes and stem cells: in search of self
22 February	Prof. Dorothy H Crawford	Microbes and us: an illustrated talk on how microbes shaped our history

7 March Members' talks

Dr Leonard Esakowitz	Why take photographs?
Dr June Neilson	The Antonine Wall: a wall too far?
Dick Philbrick	Employee ownership: path to prosperity and antidote to alienation?

21 March Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve Do we need to rethink press freedom?

211th Lecture Series

3 October	Prof Tom Kirkwood	What price immortality?
31 October	Dr Jim Wilson	Scotland's DNA
14 November	Prof Alan Shenkin	Micronutrients supplements and disease: Should I take vitamins, Doctor?
28 November	Prof Elizabeth Graham	The Maya, their calendars, and apocolypse ... later
12 December	Prof Alexander Brodie	Why David Hume is important today
2013		
9 January	Prof Sir Philip Cohen	New drugs for the treatment of disease in the 21st Century
23 January	Prof Sir Jim McDonald	Charles Dickens and the art of medical observation
20 February	Duncan MacNiven	Scotland's people 1855-2011
6 March	Lord Patten	Collapsing certainties - the changing world order
20 March	Lord Rees	Life in the cosmos - planets, galaxies and the universe
27 March	Members' Talks	
	Mr Dermot H Kennedy	Lister, Glasgow and antiseptis: confluences that changed the world
	Prof. Pat Monaghan	An insight into the life and legacy of Alexander Wilson, Ornithologist
	Mr John S Warren	A light shining in dark places: the legacy of Thomas Aikenhead

Agenda Item 5: Appointment of Independent Accountant

Council recommends that Mr Lewis Osborne CA of 2 Falkland Ave, Glasgow G77 5DR be re-appointed as independent accountant to scrutinise the Society's accounts.

Agenda Item 6: Council & Elections conducted under the new SCIO constitution

Under the new SCIO constitution the The President and Immediate Past President serve a term of two years.

President: Prof Hamish Scott (-)

Immediate Past President: Prof Roddy MacSween (-)

Other Council members are elected annually for the time set out in the constitution.

Council makes the following nominations:

Vice Presidents:	Dr John Carnduff	(2)
	Dr Jeffrey Jay	(1)
	Mr Alec Mitchell	(2)

Hon Secretary : Mr Jim Mearns (1)

Hon Treasurer: Mr Mervyn Lovat CA (5)

Council:	Dr Duncan Booker	(2)	Dr Mary Fraser	(1)
	Dr Rose Mary Harley	(1)	Mr Dick Philbrick	(1)
	Barbara McAndrew	(2)	Prof Alan Shenkin	(-)
	Karin Spalter	(2)	Dr Carol Trager-Cowan	(2)

(Note: the numbers in brackets show the number of consecutive years for which the nominee has previously served in this post. Under Rule III (6), "A retiring member of Council shall be eligible for re-election to any position. No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to the same position at more than three successive AGMs, save that the Honorary Treasurer shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to that position at a maximum of six successive AGMs.."

Nomination to Council proposed by members:

Mr Ephraim Borowski. Proposed by Rose Mary Harley, Eric Routley & Isobel Service

Mr David Reid. Proposed by Duncan Booker, Paul Kilby & Jim Mearns

On behalf of the Council,

Jim Mearns
Hon Secretary

