

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15th October 2022, 12pm

**The Old Council Chamber, University of Bristol
Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road Bristol**

Present

Twelve people attended the meeting.

OutStories Bristol members: Marek Barden, Jacob Bouyer, Andrew Foyle, Jenny James, Chris Leigh, Jonathan Rowe, Beverly Taff.

Welcome

Ellen O’Gorman, Director of the Institute for Greece, Rome and the Classical Tradition (IGRCT) at the University of Bristol welcomed participants to the meeting and the 9th Annual John Addington Symonds lecture in collaboration with OutStories Bristol. The lecture celebrates the 182nd anniversary of Symonds birth on 5th October 1840. He died on 19th April 1893, aged 52.

Appointment of chair and note-taker for the meeting

Marek Barden and Jacob Bouyer were appointed respectively chair and note-taker.

Approval of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 4th October 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM.

Annual Report

The Annual Report was adopted. Chris Leigh gave special thanks to three Trustees who had relinquished their leading roles with OutStories: Cheryl Morgan, Charles Beaton and Robert Howes.

Financial Report

Marek Barden summarised our finances for the year ending 30 June 2022. The Financial Report was adopted.

Election of the board of trustees

Four members were nominated for appointment to the board of trustees: Chris Leigh, Jacob Bouyer, Jenny James and Marek Barden. As the number of nominations did not exceed the maximum of twelve trustees allowed by the constitution and no objections were raised, the nominees were approved with the consent of those present.

Any other business – there was no other business

Dates of future meetings – the next trustees’ meeting is planned for Tuesday 15th November 2022. The next Annual General Meeting will be October 2023.

Ninth John Addington Symonds Lecture

Ellen O’Gorman introduced the speaker, Dan Vo of the Queer Britain museum, who gave an entertaining talk titled *In The Key of Blue* and how John Addington Symonds’ daring collection of writings flirts with being an out and loud declaration of sexual identity and pride.

Thanks

Ellen O’Gorman thanked Dan Vo for his talk and invited everyone to post-talk refreshments. Our thanks to the IGRCT for hosting the event and providing refreshments.

The meeting closed at 2pm.