

THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number: 254021

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2023

The Aristotelian Society

Executive Committee's Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2023

The Executive Committee present their report along with the accounts for the Society for the year ended 31st December 2023. The accounts comply with the Society's rules and applicable law.

Legal and Administrative Information

The Aristotelian Society for the systematic study of philosophy, based at Room 280, Steward House, 32 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DN, is a registered charity (No. 254021) and is governed by a set of rules dated 1984. The Society was originally founded in 1880.

The officers of the Society are as follows:

Honorary Director	Dr Michael Hannon
President	Scott Sturgeon
President outgoing	Professor M. M McCabe
Editors	Dr Guy Longworth and Dr Jessica Leech

Aims and Organisation

The object of the Society is the advancement of public education in the field of philosophy and the publication of its proceedings to this end. The society is staffed by a part time administrator, editors, web editor and editorial assistant.

The ordinary business of the Society is managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and the following elected members during the year to 31st December 2023 and up to the date of this report:

Dr Komarine Romdenh-Romluc
Dr Alexander Douglas
Dr Sarah Fine
Dr Michael Hannon
Dr Fiona Victoria Leigh
Dr Mona Simion
Dr Lee Walters
Dr Aidan McGlynn
Dr John Callahan

Excluding the Editors, The Trustees of the Charity comprise the members of the Executive Committee and the officers of the Society.

Review of Progress

The Society continued to meet fortnightly during the academic year to hear papers on philosophical matters. Papers were published prior to the meetings on the Society's website. The Proceedings were published in three online issues during the year as well as in hardback and the Supplementary Volume was also published online and in hardback.

The annual Joint Session with the Mind Association was held at Birkbeck University and there were 212 delegates (last in person conference 2022: 196). The Society's direct costs were £19,074 (last in person conference 2019: £7,838). The local organiser made a profit of £13,716 (last in person conference 2022: £4,829).

Overall subscriptions to the publications were 229 at the end of 2023 (2022: 83). There were 11 new subscriptions in the category of Lifetime membership (no publications) (2022: 12), which brings the total number of individual members in this category to 546 - these are exclusive of institutional subscriptions, which are handled by OUP. Lastly, there were 236 other general subscriptions (no publications) (2022: 152).

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Review of Financial Position

Membership income has increased from £5,534 in 2022 to £6,196 in 2023. The Society received income from Oxford University Press (OUP) (the publisher of the Proceedings and Supplementary Volume) of £84,838 (2022: £102,222). There was a net income over expenditure for the year of £1,242 (2022: £26,057) leaving cash (current and deposit accounts) balances of £232,469 at 31st December 2023 (2022: £130,934). The net assets of the Society have increased to £334,257 (2022: £333,163), including cash held on longer term deposits.

Publication of Proceedings, joint Session talks and income from JSTOR remain the Societies main income stream. The Proceedings talks and Joint Session conference were held in person again during 2023 and this led to an increase in spending on catering and travel costs. Similarly, there has been an increase in the society's bursary expenses compared to pre-2022 levels because more bursary funding is being awarded.

Statement of Executive Committee's Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Executive Committee to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year which comply with the regulations made under the Act.

The Executive Committee are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and contain entries showing from day to day all monies received and monies expended by the charity and the matters in respect of which those transactions took place and also contain a record of the assets and liabilities of the charity. The law also sets out the Executive Committees' responsibilities for the preparation and content of the Executive Committees' Annual Report.

The Executive Committee are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and ensuring their proper application under charity law and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Executive Committee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, including its guidance (PB2) "Public Benefit: Running a Charity", when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Aristotelian Society continues to be very proud of its placement in the voluntary sector, the impact it continues to have, and the benefit it believes it is able to present to the general public.

The object of the Society is the advancement of public education in the field of philosophy and the publication of its proceedings to this end. Through affordable subscription rates, free podcasts of talks, social media engagement, and a programme which covers a broad range of philosophical traditions, the Society continues to make philosophy widely available to the general public. The Society also co-organises the Joint Session with the Mind Association - the largest gathering of philosophers in the UK - and also provides grants to philosophy conferences all across the UK.

Reserves Policy

The Society has payments of approximately £100,000 per year and has approximately £200,000 in reserves. The Society aims to have in reserves approximately two years of payments.

Reasons for Policy

The Society has for many years aimed to have significant reserves. This is for three main reasons:

1. The income of the society comes very largely from one source: the receipts from Oxford University Press for the Proceedings and Supplementary Volume. The Society has little control over the extent of that income, and it could in theory dry up very quickly.

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Reserves Policy continued

2. The commitments of the Society are fixed and stretch two to three years into the future. It is, for example, already committed to producing the material for publication in the Proceedings and Supplementary Volume of the Society for two years, and committed to a Joint Session for July next year. Should the income dry up the Society would need, as far as possible, to be able to meet the commitments it has made and wind down its affairs in an orderly fashion.

The Society needs easily accessible reserves, beyond those of running costs for a short period because the responsibility of the Joint Session means that it faces, annually, the risk of having to make large 'rescue payments'. This can occur, if, for example, the accommodation arrangements fall through, the local organiser drops out and an organiser has to be bought in on a market salary, or if the local organiser makes a serious mistake on the budget.

3. Given the fixed nature and extent of its income, the Society is able to consider new worthwhile initiatives, such as switching to on-line publication of Proceedings, only if it is able to insulate itself against risk. Having significant reserves enables it to do this.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).


The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP and the provisions of the trust deeds. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf



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Dr Michael Hannon
Honorary Director

Date: 19 October 2024
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Aristotelian Society For the year ended 31st December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Aristotelian Society for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Karen Wardell
Partner, Moore Kingston Smith LLP
For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Chartered Accountants

Date: 25 October 2024

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London EC2A 2AP

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023		2022
	£	£	£
Income Receipts			
Membership Subscriptions		6,196	5,534
Receipts from publications			
JSTOR	14,243		13,238
Permission fees received	-		-
Joint session receipts	-		1,610
OUP's sales of journals	84,838		102,222
Net VAT movements	15,635		19,510
Miscellaneous	428		400
		115,144	136,980
Investment Income			
Interest income and sale of investments		752	473
Total Receipts		<u>122,092</u>	<u>142,987</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Conference grants	7,201		5,004
Podcast expenses	-		1,163
Speaker expenses	2,101		-
Joint session expenses	4,086		7,196
General Expenses	579		103
Net salaries and editors' fees	35,600		45,996
Presidents' costs	5,217		2,941
PAYE and NI	3,647		5,317
Pension	1,118		1,121
Student Bursaries	23,653		15,246
Postage	88		5
		83,290	84,092
Other Expenditure			
Rent	7,516		7,516
Stationery and postage	140		65
Computer and IT costs	1,175		815
Bank charges	381		322
Audit, accountancy and payroll	4,775		4,047
Catering	1,677		693
Miscellaneous	-		-
Subscription	-		-
VAT paid	21,173		18,359
Travel	104		218
Website	143		803
Insurance	476		-
		37,560	32,838
Total Payments		<u>120,850</u>	<u>116,930</u>
Net Income		<u>1,242</u>	<u>26,057</u>

All receipts and payments are Unrestricted funds movements. The Charity holds no Restricted funds.

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Cash and Reserves
For the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net Receipts for the year	1,242	26,057
Net Transfers (to)/ from Reserves	100,293	(1,186)
Cash and bank balances at 1 January	<u>130,934</u>	<u>106,063</u>
Cash and bank balances at 31 December	<u><u>232,469</u></u>	<u><u>130,934</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

at 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Monetary Assets			
Bank and Cash balances:			
Bank deposit accounts		3,025	2,976
Bank current account		199,728	104,416
PayPal account		29,716	23,542
		<u>232,469</u>	<u>130,934</u>
- held for investment purposes			
CAF Gold Account		-	97,212
CAF 90 Day Account		71,516	70,890
		<u>71,516</u>	<u>168,102</u>
Debtors:			
OUP sales	3	42,003	47,799
Other debtors		500	780
		<u>42,503</u>	<u>48,579</u>
Total Assets		<u>346,488</u>	<u>347,615</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Auditors' remuneration		4,082	3,500
Accruals & deferred income		4,853	3,420
Grants		2,192	890
VAT		1,104	6,642
		<u>(12,231)</u>	<u>(14,452)</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>(12,231)</u>	<u>(14,452)</u>
Net Assets		<u>334,257</u>	<u>333,163</u>

All assets and liabilities of the Charity are held in Unrestricted funds. The Charity holds no Restricted funds.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved for issue by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:



Dr Michael Hannon
Honorary Director

Date: 19 October 2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, on the receipts and payments basis, following the guidance issued by the Charities Commission.

Allocation of Expenditure

All expenditure in connection with the Society's meetings and publications, together with an appropriate proportion of travel and office costs, has been treated as direct charitable expenditure in the Receipts and Payments Account.

2 Trustees and Employees

The Society had an average of one (2022: one) employees during the year, whose staff cost amounted to £35,600 (2022: £45,996). An honorarium of £5,126 (2022: £8,671) was paid to the editors. Trustees were reimbursed expenses of £5,217 during the year (2022: £3,265).

3 Publishers' Sales

	2023 £	2022 £
Sales of journals net of VAT for the year	85,337	91,133
Less advanced payments	(43,334)	(43,334)
Amount due at 31 December 2023	<u>42,003</u>	<u>47,799</u>

OUP's total sales for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to £85,337. An advance of £43,334 was received during 2023, leaving a sum of £42,003 due at the year end, which is to be received in 2024. In the prior year, OUP's gross sales amounted to £91,133 and similarly £47,799 was recognised as a debtor at year end and was received during 2023.



The Aristotelian Society
Meeting of the Executive Committee & Council

Monday 2 October 2023
13.00-16.00

Meeting held over Zoom: <https://ucl.zoom.us/j/93141848380>

PRESENT: MM McCabe (Chair and outgoing president), Scott Sturgeon (President), Jessica Leech (Editor), Michael Hannon (Honorary Director), Fiona Leigh, Aidan McGlynn, John Callanan, Lee Walters, Sarah Fine, Anna Stelle (Managing Editor, minutes), Fabienne Peter (President Elect)

1. Welcome and Introductions

McCabe invited Hannon to introduce the new Managing Editor (Anna Stelle), new/incoming President (Scott Sturgeon), and two new Committee Members, Aidan McGlynn and John Callanan.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and approved.

Stelle noted that nearly all the actions from previous meetings were completed apart from those on the agenda for later in the meeting.

3. Proceedings

Update on speakers for 2024/25

Leech reported that speakers for the 2024-25 Proceedings talks had been confirmed:

First term

30-Sep-24	Inaugural Address: Fabienne Peter (Warwick)
14-Oct-24	Chike Jeffers (Dalhousie)
28-Oct-24	Greg Restall (St. Andrews)
11-Nov-24	Christopher Cowie (Durham)
25-Nov-24	Susanna Schellenberg (Rutgers)

Second term

13-Jan-25	Monima Chadha (Monash)
27-Jan-25	Alexander Prescott-Couch (Oxford)
10-Feb-25	Nadine Elzein (Warwick)
24-Feb-25	Claire Field (Zurich)
10-Mar-25	Pauline Kleingeld (Groningen)

Third term

28-Apr-25	Léa Salje (Leeds)
12-May-25	Frisbee Sheffield (Cambridge)
19-May-25	Vid Simoniti (Liverpool)
02-Jun-25	Rahel Jaeggi (Humboldt Berlin)
16-Jun-25	Sarah McGrath (Princeton)

4. Joint Session

i. Report from 2023 Joint Session (Birkbeck)

Stelle indicated that the Committee was still waiting on the local organiser from 2023, Alex Grzankowski, to file his report.

Stelle also invited Hannon to discuss the Grzankowski's proposal to split profits from the 2023 Joint Session four ways between Birkbeck, Mind, and the Institute of Philosophy.

Hannon explained that the 2023 Joint Session had made a much larger profit than usual (£13K), due to donated accommodation, negotiated discounts, low childcare uptake, and sponsorship of the wine reception. The traditional method of dividing any profit, detailed in the Local Organiser's Guide, mandates that it be split three ways between the Society, the host institution, and Mind. Hannon, on behalf of Grzankowski, presented the alternate proposal Grzankowski wished to make to the Committee (above).

Grzankowski's argument was that the profit largely arose from the activities of Birkbeck and the Institute of Philosophy (IP), so the latter should receive some of the benefit. Grzankowski also proposed that Birkbeck would dedicate the profits to the Annual Dorothy Eddington Lecture fund and that the IP would dedicate the profits to support a nationwide philosophy postdoc event led in collaboration with Sheffield scheduled for April 2024.

Alternate proposals of how to split the surplus were offered by Leech and Simion; the eventual allocation was decided to be 30% to the

Aristotelian Society, 30% to Mind, and 40% to Birkbeck pending Birkbeck's confirmation that this proportion would be equally split, by them, with the IP (resulting in an eventual distribution of 20% for Birkbeck and 20% for the IP).

Action: Stelle to obtain confirmation from Grzankowski that Birkbeck would split their proportion of the surplus equally with the Institute of Philosophy.

Action: Stelle to follow up with Grzankowski on the 2023 report.

ii. Update on arrangements for 2024 (Birmingham)

Stelle reminded the committee that the local organisers for next year's conference at Birmingham were Jussi Suikkanen and Nikk Effingham, and the arrangements for the conference were going well. The official website was in progress and the first CFP would go out shortly.

iii. Update on speakers for 2024 (Glasgow)

Leech reported difficulties in securing agreement from the nominated speakers on such short timelines (asking in September for delivery of a paper the following July 31, for first symposiasts) and suggested contacting speakers earlier in the year, instead of during or at the end of the summer, so they had more time to plan. This was agreed by the Committee.

Action: Leech to report the full list of speakers for the Joint Session 2024 at the April meeting.

iv. Update on venue for 2026/2027/2028

Hannon reported that confirmed future venues were as follows and that Max Khan Hayward had indicated positive interest in being the local organiser for 2028:

2026- Leeds

2027- Reading

2028- (provisionally) Sheffield

Action: Hannon to confirm 2028 venue and LO role with Hayward.

5. Conference funding applications

Hannon explained the funding differences between the April and October meetings. He summarised that there was usually £2000 available in October and £4000 in April, due to the fact that more applications tended to be received in April, but noted that it was possible for the Society to allocate more than £2000 in October, and simply remove this money from the budget for April. He also noted that the society tended to fund graduate rather than non-graduate conferences, and conferences that were non-recurring rather than recurring.

The eventual allocation of funding from the meeting was as follows:

Ref	Institution	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
CG042148	University of Oxford	500	350
CG042147	University of Oxford	300	300
CG042150	University of Nottingham	500	350
CG042146	University of Nottingham	500	350
CG042145	University of Southampton	500	350
CG042143	University of Nottingham	470	350

6. Student Bursaries

Hannon confirmed to the Committee that the successful applicants, who each received £5000 from the Society in 2023/24, were:

Han Edgoose (Glasgow)
Filippa Ronquist (UCL)
Camille Fouche (St. Andrews)
Alex Fisher (Cambridge)
Lucija Duda (Manchester)

7. Website statistics

Stelle highlighted key points from the website and social media report prepared by the new Administrator/Web Editor, Ellie Robson.

She summarised that the Society Twitter account has 21.4k followers, which is up from 21k last year. The society's average tweet reaches around 7800 people. There has been an increase of about 100 to the society's mailing list, and the open rate for emails has increased from 32.1% in 2022 to 38% in 2023. The figures for Facebook represent a levelling off after years of increase, which may have to do with a general decline in Facebook use. Website views in 2023 are in line with those in 2022, with an average of approximately 6000 views a month.

8. Society Nominations

i. Committee member update

Stelle confirmed that the Committee had welcomed Aidan McGlynn and John Callanan, and that Mona Simion, Lee Walters, and Fiona Leigh would be coming to the end of their three-year terms in July 2024. Expressions of interest would thus need to be sought for new members before the April 2024 meeting.

Action: Stelle to solicit expressions of interest in becoming a Committee member in advance of the April 2024 meeting.

ii. Update on Council Members

Stelle announced that MM McCabe, as outgoing President, and Scott Sturgeon, as incoming President, would be joining the Council.

iii. Update on President for 2026/27

Hannon noted that the Society would need to nominate a President for 2026-27, following the terms of Fabienne Peter (2024-25) and Lucy O'Brien (2025-26). Nominations were solicited and Hannon indicated that he would email around a google sheet allowing for Committee members to vote for their top 5 candidates. If any candidate garnered the support across the board they would be chosen.

Action: Hannon to distribute google sheet for voting.

iv. Honorary Member Nominations

9. Funding for Early Career People

Hannon invited McCabe to comment on the prospects for funding for Early Career People as discussed at the April 2023 and July 2023 meetings. In July, McCabe began a discussion about whether all four main philosophy societies could come together in a joint funding initiative. At the July 2023 meeting, the idea McCabe and Fine had mooted was that of a 'prize' or 'award' that could be given to early career people on short-term contracts. This wording should avoid universities seeing the money as any encouragement towards short-term contracting, and the prize would be financial but could also involve a mentor. Potentially, with each award someone could volunteer to be the mentor to the recipient. The award could be as short-term as one month, or up to three.

McCabe had intended to write the proposal for such an award to be brought to Mind but had not been able to complete this in time for the meeting. The Committee proceeded to discuss what the technicalities of such an award would look like. It was decided to move this to the agenda for the April 2024 meeting, and attempt to discuss a proposal there which could be brought to Mind in advance of July.

Action: Stelle to bring this up under AOB at April 2024 meeting.

10. Any other business

The committee thanked Stern for McCabe for work as President of the society in 2022/23 and welcomed Sturgeon to the Presidency for 23/24.

The meeting was concluded at 15.30

The next meeting of the Executive Committee & Council will be held
22 April 2024 at 13.00 over Zoom.



The Aristotelian Society
meeting of the executive committee

Friday 07 July 2023
14.00 – 14.15

G16 Senate House, Malet St, London WC1E 7HU

PRESENT: MM McCabe (chair and president), Guy Longworth (Editor), Michael Hannon (Honorary Director), Alexander Douglas, Sarah Fine, Fiona Leigh, Komarine Romdenh-Romluc, Holly de las Casas (Managing Editor, minutes),

Apologies: Scott Sturgeon (President Elect), Lee Walters, Mona Simion.

1. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no corrections.

MM reported and de las Casas confirmed that the matters arising from the previous AGM had already been reviewed at the October 2022 committee meeting.

2. 2022 subscriptions

de las Casas reported on the subscriptions figures for 2022, which were in line with previous years. Figures were slightly higher than normal in 2021 due to a new website, which meant that many people re-purchased subscriptions between October and December 2021.

3. Future presidencies

Hannon reported on the following future appointments:

2023/24 Scott Sturgeon, 2024/25 Fabienne Peter, 2025/26 Lucy O'Brien

de las Casas confirmed that Rae Langton did not want to be considered for a future presidency.

4. Officers & executive committee members for 2022/23

de las Casas reported that Romdenh-Romluc and Douglas would be leaving after July 2023, and the committee thanked them for their service. de las Casas reported that Fine would stay on for another 3

year term, along with new committee members John Callanan (KCL) and Aiden McGlynn (Edinburgh).

5. Any other business?

There was no further business.

The meeting was concluded at 14.17.



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meeting of the executive committee

Friday 07 July 2023
12.30 – 14.00

G16 Senate House, Malet St, London WC1E 7HU

PRESENT: MM McCabe (chair and president), Guy Longworth (Editor), Michael Hannon (Honorary Director), Alexander Douglas, Sarah Fine, Fiona Leigh, Holly de las Casas (Managing Editor, minutes),

Apologies: Scott Sturgeon (President Elect), Lee Walters, Mona Simion, Komarine Romdenh-Romluc.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

McCabe introduced the meeting and begun by asking if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

de las Casas confirmed that the matters arising from the minutes of the April 2023 meeting were all completed or in hand.

2. 2025 JOINT SESSION –GLASGOW: REVIEW OF NOMINATION OF SPEAKERS FROM THE AS AND MIND

Longworth confirmed that preliminary nominations for the 2025 Joint Session had been discussed at the April meeting. He reported that Hannon had consolidated the Mind and AS nominations into a helpful list and summarised this. The committee discussed nominations and agreed on the following list of preferred speakers:

Epistemology: Jane Friedman (NYU) + Adam Carter or Chris Kelp (Glasgow)
Language: Liz Camp (Rutgers) + Eliot Michaelson (KCL)
Political: Danielle Allen (Harvard) , plus a second speaker.
Aesthetics: Yuriko Saito (Rhode Island School of Design + Nick Riggle (San Diego)

Philosophy of science: Anna Alexandrova (Cambridge) + Kareem Khalifa (UCLA)

Existentialism: Sara Heinämaa (Helsinki) + Kate Kirkpatrick (Oxford)

3. joint session venue nominations 2027 to 2028

Hannon reported that the upcoming Joint Session venues as follows:

Birmingham	2024
Glasgow	2025
Leeds	2026
Reading	2027

Hannon then reported that Sheffield would like to go ahead with hosting the conference in 2028, with Max Hayward as local organizer, but that this would need to be discussed and confirmed with Mind at the Joint meeting.

4. Honorary Editor position

Longworth reported that there have been 4 applications for the position of Honorary Editor. The committee agreed that there were good candidates for the role. Longworth suggested, and the committee agreed, that Longworth, Hannon, McCabe, and de las Casas would be on the interview panel for the role. As members of the panel would be away from 25th July, de las Casas would try to set up interviews before then. If a date was not possible it was agreed that interviews could wait until September.

ACTION: de las Casas to contact panel members and applicants for the Honorary Editor position and arrange interviews either in July, before July 25th, or for September.

5. Learned societies, collaborative funding discussion

McCabe introduced the topic of organising further and more collaborative funding to support early career people in philosophy. She explained that the British Academy had started a pilot early career network but that this was oriented towards helping people with career advice rather than funding.

MM suggested the society might directly fund early career people with, for example, giving a month to complete a research paper instead of their needing working in a part time job. She noted, and the committee agreed, that those who already had post-docs needed this help less than those on short term teaching contracts who would not have time to research and publish. It was agreed that those with post-docs often already had the time and opportunities to progress. The committee agreed that early career people were often trapped by short term teaching positions.

The committee discussed the possibility of helping to buy-out time from teaching contracts but it was agreed that this would be complicated and that it might be easier to give small packages of money directly to the person, rather than through the university itself. Another reason for this would be so as not to give an incentive for universities to continue to place early career people on bad contracts.

It was noted that some people on, for example, 12 month teaching contracts, do have some research time over summer but that 9 month contracts were the bigger problem.

McCabe noted that some universities were better behaved about their hiring practices but that the future picture did not look optimistic. She agreed to look into the situation further and report back to the next committee meeting.

Douglas noted that some universities did offer bridging grants for when teaching contracts end, to tide people over before they might find a new position.

Longworth agreed that practices vary and noted the need to keep in mind that the society would not want to create a negative incentive for universities to use bad hiring practices.

Hannon noted that McCabe's suggestion to fund early career people was a very good one but that currently the society funds bursaries for students and there would not be enough money to fund early career people in addition to this. There was a concern that it would not be good to take money away from the existing student funding.

Longworth suggested that the society should speak with Mind about the possibility of collaborating on joint funding for the new initiative. It was agreed that this should be bought up under Any Other Business at the upcoming joint meeting with Mind. There would be a financial gain in grant making capacity if the society were to join up with another society with substantial resources.

Longworth suggested that perhaps one of the 5 existing bursaries could be given to an early career person, and that Mind- if they were interested- or another society could then match one or more additional grants. This would enable the society to fund both graduate students and early career people.

Douglas noted, as a potentially useful precedent, that at St Andrews there was funding available for two students and two to early career people who do not have post docs.

Leigh wanted to highlight that the existing society grants, which go to help students and are gender balanced and not centred on Oxbridge, are a very good thing and should not be lost in the process of making new grants.

Longworth suggested that the society might communicate with the royal institute of philosophy, as they have similar schemes to the ones being proposed, and that it might be possible to apply for additional funding from philanthropic societies.

Douglas commented that the change that needs to happen is within universities and that departments need to hire on the basis of teaching experience and not just publication record. Those who have been on teaching contracts cannot currently compete with those who have full time to produce publications. The committee agreed with this.

Leigh suggested that grants for early career people on short term teaching contracts could be called 'publications grants'. It was agreed that these grants would probably not be so big that they would create any further negative practices within universities.

Action: De las Casas to put funding for early career people on the agenda for next AS committee meeting in October, and for the upcoming Joint meeting with Mind on Saturday 8th July 2023 under Any Other Business.

Action: McCabe to speak to colleagues and research the situation of short-term teaching contracts across different universities in more detail, then report back to the committee at the next committee meeting in October.

6. any other business

The meeting was concluded at 13.20

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held 2nd October 2023.



The Aristotelian Society

Meeting of the Executive Committee & Council

Monday 24 April 2022
13.00-16.00

Meeting held remotely via Zoom video conference

PRESENT: M.M McCabe (chair and president), Scott Sturgeon (President Elect), Guy Longworth (Editor), Michael Hannon (Honorary Director), Alexander Douglas, Sarah Fine, Fiona Leigh, Mona Simion, Holly de las Casas (Managing Editor, minutes), Victoria Neads (Publisher OUP, for item 1 only).

Apologies: Bob Stern, Lee Walters, Komarine Romdenh-Romluc.

1. OUP

i. OUP 2023 PUBLISHERS REPORT

McCabe welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Neads as the new publisher for OUP. Neads let the committee know that she would briefly summarise and then answer any questions about the publishers reports for 2022.

She reported that subscriptions income for both journals was generally good. For the Proceedings, usage for 2022 was slightly higher than in previous years. For the SV the numbers were slightly down, but were still better than 2019. She noted that there had been some promotions around the Joint Sessions in previous years that had not been continued in 2022, and that this might be one reason why usage was down for the SV journal. Neads reported that she would get in touch with marketing to look at increasing online promotions and presence again for this year. She also noted that OUP were planning on having a manned presence at the JS conference.

Neads also reported that usage for both journals fell mainly in Europe and North America, but that this was normal for this kind of journal. She also let the committee know that the most downloaded articles were similar to the popular classic titles from previous years but that a 2022 article by Heather Widdows was also on the list.

Neads commented that subscriptions to the journal had been fairly constant over the past years but that there had been a drop in 'conventional academic' subscriptions, meaning those institutions that subscribe to a journal as a stand alone product, as opposed to as part of a larger package. She confirmed that this was a general trend that had developed over the past 10 years.

Neads mentioned that it had not been unusual to have some production delays in recent years, and that this trend had continued in 2022. She noted, however, that it was good to see that the mean number of days to publications has almost halved for the journals due to gains in publication speed. McCabe let Neads know that the reminders and deadlines had been very helpful in the process of submitting her paper for publication. She asked if this was a recent change, and Neads reported that there had not been substantial changes to the number of reminders.

Neads reported that the OUP annual accounts for the journals would be ready soon. She noted that some revenue for 2022 would need to be deferred to 2023 because there had been delays to publication. She explained that the accountants at OUP had requested that any journal issues that had been published late in the subsequent year would be paid in that year, rather than before.

Neads then asked the committee there was any reason why it seemed that copy flow had dropped in the past years. She reported that OUP had received less manuscripts for publication. Longworth relayed that the society has a fixed number of articles for both journals each year, but that there may have been one or two authors who failed to produce a paper for publication. He commented that there may be a similar situation with the SV this year.

ii. CHANGES IN PUBLISHING UPDATE

Continuing the discussion about the slight drop in journal papers, Neads brought the discussion to open access publishing. She reiterated that, with the new read and publish deals, journal income would be increasingly linked with the amount of papers published. Longworth let Neads know that it would be difficult for the society to significantly increase its output because its journals are proceedings journals. He

let her know that there had been discussion about how to respond to changes in publishing, but that there were no current plans to grow output.

Neads let the committee know that she would send through projections in the next couple of months for how the society income may be effected in coming years by open access publishing.

Longworth summarised to the committee that the only way to equalise the income the society makes, going forward, would be to publish more papers.

McCabe commented that increasing the amount of papers the society publishes would radically alter the journals and the society as a whole. She added that such changes would require more editors, and quality would go down.

Longworth added that perhaps the main problem with increasing output is that the journals are currently proceedings journals. The most straightforward way to increase revenue would be to add in peer review and publish more but this would add significant demands on editorial staff. He suggested, though, that this would be better than trying to increase the number of talks. Neads reasoned that introducing a system of review in order to publish more would be better because then there would be no cap on growth. With a proceedings journal, output is linked to the number of actual talks. McCabe added that she didn't think there was an audience for many more talks per year.

Longworth noted that another way forward would be to reduce the society's outgoing costs. Examples of this would to not continue to fund conferences and graduate bursaries, or to let go of the office in Senate House.

Fine suggested that it might be possible to add an additional paper per year in the form of a prize for an early career researcher or student paper. Longworth commented that the society does already review abstracts for the postgraduate sessions and that some of these papers from the conference were each year externally reviewed and published in the Proceedings journal. He noted that adding more would be a significant job and that highlighted the importance of thinking about what the society is for. McCabe added that one way the society really supports early career and student researchers, as well as its wider audience, is by providing the talks themselves.

The committee decided to wait until Neads' projections had arrived to to discuss further the open access situation and plans for the future

McCabe thanked Neads for her helpful contribution to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

de las Casas confirmed that all actions from the previous meeting had been completed or were on the Agenda for the current meeting. The minutes from the meeting were approved as correct.

3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2022

Hannon introduced the annual accounts for 2022 and summarized that the society is in good financial health. He commented that the society had made some income over the past year but that the society's aim was not to generate a large profit.

Further to the discussion about open access, he noted that the main financial concern for the future is that is 90% of the society's income is generated through OUP. He noted Neads' suggestion that this income could be halved in the future, unless the society were to change its publishing processes. He reiterated that it may be necessary to scale

back on spending or try to publish more. He noted that increases to bursaries and grants could be reversed but that changes to salaries were less easy to reverse.

4. THE PROCEEDINGS

(i) Update on speakers 2023/24

Longworth commented that there were Australian speakers on the program, which would be good in terms of extending the society's reach beyond the UK and North America. MM highlighted the need to also represent Europe properly.

Longworth reported the program of speakers as follows:

First term

02-Oct-23	Prof Scott Sturgeon
16-Oct-23	Prof Catherine Rowett
30-Oct-23	Dr Max Khan Hayward
20-Nov-23	Dr Jonathan Birch
27-Nov-23	Dr Karen Jones

Second term

15-Jan-24	Prof Michele Moody-Adams
29-Jan-24	Prof Alistair Wilson
19-Feb-24	Prof Gabriel Richardson Lear
04-Mar-24	Dr Jessica Isserow
18-Mar-24	Dr Daniela Dover

Third term

22-Apr-24	Dr Adrian Alsmith
13-May-24	Prof Eric Schliesser
20-May-24	Dr Louise Hanson
03-Jun-24	Dr Daniel Watts

17-Jun-24 Dr Umrao Sethi

(ii) Nomination of speakers 2024/25

The committee had proposed nominations for speakers for the Proceedings and Joint Session onto a shared spreadsheet, which was circulated before the meeting.

Longworth explained that 15 speakers in total were needed and that it would be a good idea to have a list of 16 or 17 nominations from the meeting because some would decline or drop out. He commented that it was good to have a spread of topics on the program, both within each year and over the years. It would be important to have some speakers from Europe and the USA but to retain the Proceedings as a showcase for UK talent. He noted that the program should contain some big-name speakers as this was important, both for drawing an audience and for the society finances.

Hannon noted the convention with nominations was to not invite a speaker if they had spoken already within the past 5 years

de las Casas noted an action point from the last meeting, which was that the committee wanted someone to speak on the History of Epistemology.

Longworth noted the importance of keeping in mind a range of topic coverage. He also noted the need to keep diversity of speakers in mind, and to keep the society's record for good gender balance.

After discussion, the following shortlist of names was agreed for the Proceedings:

Frisbee Sheffield (Cambridge)
 Vid Simoniti (Liverpool)
 Greg Restall (St. Andrews)
 Chris Cowie (Durham)
 Alastair Prescott-Couch (Oxford)
 Nadine Elzein (Warwick)
 Jeff McMahan (Oxford)
 Richard Pettigrew (Bristol)
 Anna Pakes (Roehampton)
 Chike Jeffers (Dalhousie)
 Lea Salje (Leeds)
 Rahel Jaeggi (Humboldt Berlin)
 Pauline Kleingeld (Leiden)
 Claire Field (Stirling)
 Susanna Schellenberg (Rutgers)
 Pamela Hieronymi (UCLA)
 Sarah McGrath (Princeton)
 Kareem Khalifa (UCLA)
 Monima Chadha (Monash)

Action: Longworth to invite the nominated speaker for the 2024/25 Proceedings program.

(iii) Presidents choice

Longworth let Sturgeon know that the society had a tradition of inviting the incumbent president to put together a list of articles and an introduction which would then be made available on the OUP and society websites. The President's Choice selection would be publicised both by OUP and on our own social media and the articles would be made open access for a period of time. This serves as a good marketing device for the journals too. He noted that McCabe was in the process of putting together her selection for this year.

5. THE JOINT SESSION

- (i) 2023 Joint Session (Birkbeck)
 - a. General update and registration.

de las Casas reported that organisation was going well for this year's conference but that there had been some delays to the budget and registration system at BBK so that this had run a month late.

She further noted that a problem caused by the fact that the Open Sessions call for papers had asked for extended abstracts but the SWIP call for papers had requested a full paper. Because of this there were substantially less submissions (just 3 initially) for the SWIP this year. In response, the SWIP deadline was extended. de las Casas reported that she had discussed this with the SWIP organisers and they agreed it would be important that the CFP were standardised in future years to avoid this problem.

de las Casas reminded committee members to register for the conference and especially to book accommodation as soon as possible.

de las Casas reported that there had been problems setting up childcare for the conference. Alex Grzankowski, the local organiser at BBK, had let her know that there were so far 6 children that might need childcare, and that there could be more as others register. The best solution so far was through UCL, who had full facilities to offer, however they were having some problems with a leak in the building and therefore so couldn't say for sure whether they would be able to help.

Alex Grzankowski wanted to let the committee know that he had found a company which is he said like taskrabbit for babysitters, but that this service didn't include a venue. The conference could hire a

venue, but it would need to be set up with the correct safety regulations and provisions for childcare. This did not seem possible.

Simion commented that the best way to provide childcare at conferences was to provide attendees with the name of an agency or a list of sitters who they could contact themselves in order to arrange childcare. She said that the conference should also offer reimbursement for this. The idea would be that people could set up childcare in their own hotels, and this would avoid the need for a venue. The important thing, she said, would be to have sitters available and for this to be paid for by the conference. It was noted that people would likely hire sitters for chunks of time during the day or evening. Fine opened a discussion about what the society's responsibilities might be in relation to the sitters, noting that the sitters would need to be properly vetted and approved. Simion commented that the best way of ensuring sitters were properly vetted would be to use an agency that itself made checks and approved all of its staff. She noted that carers.co.uk, for example, did not provide this kind of service.

Action: de las Casas to feed back Simion's advice about childcare provision to the organisers at BBK.

- b. Editors update on Editor's update on postgraduate papers and symposia programme

Longworth noted that one symposiast, Elselijn Kingma, had not been able to provide a paper the Supplementary Volume this year. Veronique Munoz Darde, who was to be her respondent, will instead give a standalone paper. Longworth noted that Munoz-Darde subsequently decided to co-write her paper with Mike Martin. He flagged that Martin was already planned to speak at the 2024 Joint Session and that, although not ideal, this would be fine.

Longworth asked the committee if they would be okay with Elselijn Kingma speaking at the Joint Session, if she is able to, despite the fact that she would not have a published paper in the SV this year. The committee agreed to this. It was agreed that de las Casas would let Kingma know that she could give a paper at the conference this year, if she is able, and that she also has the option of publishing that paper in the SV next year. This could give her enough time to have the paper ready, but without applying any pressure either way.

Action: de las Casas to let Kingma know she is welcome to speak at the Joint Session in 2023, if she is able, and to also publish the paper in the SV for the following year.

Longworth presented the list of symposiasts and postgraduate speakers as follows:

Symposiasts

Inaugural address- Ursula Coope (Oxford)

Elselijn Kingma (KCL) and Véronique Munoz-Dardé (UCL & UC Berkeley)
Justice and the Family

Kate Manne (Cornell) and Carla Bagnoli (Modena/Oslo)
Gaslighting

Christopher Ba Thi Nguyen (Utah) and Stacie Friend (BBK)
Aesthetic knowledge and Appreciation

Dan Zahavi (Oxford) and Katalin Farkas (CEU)
Second Person Perspectives

Errol Lord (Pennsylvania) and Conor McHugh (Southampton)
Foundations of Normativity

Jack Woods (Leeds) and Anandi Hattiangadi (Stockholm)
Logic and Convention

Linda Martin Alcoff (CUNY) and Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij (BBK)
Jussi Suikkanen (Birmingham) and Prof Neil Sinclair (Nottingham)
MGF Martin (Oxford/Berkeley) and Donovan E Wishon (Mississippi)
Stephen Grimm (Fordham) and Ray Monk (Southampton)
Gillian Russell (Australia Catholic University) and Sara Uckelman
(Durham)

Postgraduate Sessions

Theoretical
Will Moorfoot (Southampton)
Cansu Yüksel (KCL)
Alice C.W. Huang (Toronto)
Benjamin Davis (Leeds)

Practical
Lauren Miano (Princeton)
Aidan Penn (NYU)
Annalisa Costella (Rotterdam)
Evan Behrle (NYU)

- (ii) 2024 Joint Session (Birmingham) – editor’s update on
symposia speakers

Longworth presented the symposium speakers for the 2024 Joint
Session as follows:

Inaugural Address- Quassim Cassam
Cécile Laborde (Oxford) and Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen (Aarhus)

- (iii) Questions from Birmingham 2024

de las Casas reported that the organisers for Birmingham had a
question about what exactly was needed in terms of childcare
arrangements for the conference. The matter had been dealt with
earlier in the meeting under item 5.i, in relation to the BBK
conference. It was agreed that de las Casas would feed this back to the
organisers at Birmingham too.

***Action: de las Casas to let the organisers for the JS Birmingham
know what is needed for the conference in terms of childcare
provision and to update the local organiser’s guide accordingly.***

- (iv) Preliminary nomination of speakers for 2025
(Glasgow) and review of Mind’s nominations

Simion noted that the official organizer for the Glasgow Joint Session
was actually going to be the Epistemology Research Centre at Glasgow,
and not the university itself. This may mean that the conference would
be very epistemology based because of the reputation of the Centre
and also because of the amount of epistemologists in Scotland.

The following shortlist of names was agreed for the Joint Session
2025:

- Jane Friedman (NYU) + Adam Carter (Glasgow) or Chris Kelp (Glasgow)
- Sara Heinämaa (Helinski) + Kate Kirkpatrick (Oxford)
- Danielle Allen (Harvard)+ Ralph Woolf (KCL)
- Anna Alexandrova (Cambridge) + Kareem Khalifa (UCLA)

The committee then agreed that the top choices from Mind's list of nominations, which were circulated in the papers for the meeting were as follows:

1. Liz Camp (Rutgers), philosophy of language. Possible second symposiast: Eliot Michaelson (KCL).
2. Sharron Vallor (Edinburgh), ethics of AI
3. Yuriko Saito (Rhode Island School of Design). Aesthetics. Possible second symposiast: Nick Riggle (San Diego).
4. John Marenbon (Cambridge), medieval. Possible second symposiast: Cecilia Trifgli (Oxford).
5. Maria Lasonen-Aarnio (Helsinki), epistemology.
6. Stephan Leuenberger (Glasgow), metaphysics. Possible second symposiast: Fabrice Correia (Geneva).

Action: de las Casas to send to Mind the list of AS nominations for the Joint Session 2025, as well as the AS's ranking of Mind's suggestions.

- (v) Update on venue for 2027, and venue nominations for 2028

Hannon reported that Sheffield would be happy to host in 2028. This would now need to be agreed with Mind at the joint meeting in July.

Action. De las Casas to add the suggestion of Sheffield as a note to the agenda for the July joint meeting, under venue nominations.

Hannon updated the committee that the following venues had been arranged for the upcoming years.

- 2027 Reading – Luke Elson at Reading nominated the University.
- 2026 Leeds – Helen Steward and Julian Dodd as organisers.
- 2025 Glasgow - Chris Kelp as organiser with help from Adam Carter and Mona Simion.
- 2024 University of Birmingham – with Jussi Suikkanen as organiser.

6. CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATIONS & REPORTS

The Society had received 18 applications in total this time. Hannon reminded the Committee that the usual grant budget for the meeting was £4000. He noted that there were a lot more applications this year than in previous years. He suggested streamlining the decision making process by first ruling out any conferences that the committee did not want to fund, and then splitting the budget between the remaining applications. The aim would be to not fund all the conferences. Longworth added that another idea would be to fund all the conferences by splitting the budget equally between all, apart from any there was a serious problem with. There was some discussion over whether it would put people off from Applying for funding if (due to the society splitting the budget amongst too many applicants) they only tended to receive smaller amounts.

Action: Hannon to write to the organisers of conference grants CG42119 and GC42120, which are planned at the same institution on the same date, for more information. Hannon to let de las Casas know, and de las Casas to then share the budget between the rest of the applications the committee had agreed to fund.

The grants for the present meeting were eventually awarded as follows:

Ref.	Institution	Requested	Approved
CG042117	St Andrews	500	333
CG042118	Warwick	300	333
CG042119	Nottingham	400	333
CG042120	Nottingham	500	333
CG042121	Cambridge	500	0
CG042122	Newcastle	500	333
CG042123	Oxford	250	0
CG042124	Sheffield	500	333
CG042125	Warwick	500	333
CG042126	Bristol	500	0
CG042127	Edinburgh	500	0
CG042128	Manchester	500	333
CG042129	York	300	0
CG042130	Oxford	500	0
CG042131	St Andrews	300	333
CG042132	St Andrews	500	333
CG042133	Glasgow	500	333
CG042134	Oxford	564	333

7. COUNCIL MATTERS

(i) New committee members for 2022/23

Hannon summarised that Sarah Fine had elected to stay on for another 3 year term on the committee but that two members would be leaving in

July 2023 and would need to be replaced. The position had been advertised and that there were 9 expressions of interest to consider. These had been circulated with the papers for the meeting.

It was decided that John Callanan and Aiden McGlynn would be invited to join the committee from October 2023/25.

Action: Hannon to invite John Callanan and Aiden McGlynn to join the executive committee.

(ii) Editor Position

Longworth reported that, as expected, he would be leaving the role of Editor soon, and that the society would advertise the role. It had been agreed at the October meeting that the committee needed to decide on remuneration for this role and that the position would then be advertised after the April meeting. A rough job description for the role had been included in the papers for the meeting.

It was agreed that the honorarium for the role would stay as it stands now, and that there would likely be a handover for the role in the mid to late summer.

Action: de las Casas to advertise the role of Editor with the honorarium at its current level.

(iii) Update on 2024/25 and 2025/26 presidency

Hannon confirmed the future presidents of the society as follows:

Scott Sturgeon 23/24, Fabienne Peter 24/25, Lucy O'Brien 25/26.

8. REVIEW OF BURSARIES FUNDING

McCabe needed to leave the meeting at this point in order to take the train to London to chair the Proceedings talk that evening. Hannon took over the chairing of the meeting.

Hannon noted that there had been a question at previous meetings about whether to increase student bursary funding. He noted that the society currently offers 5 student bursaries at £3000 each. He explained that this amount had not increased in a while and that the society might want to provide further support for underfunded PHD students. He proposed increasing the funding for the 5 students from £3000 to £5000 each year. He explained that it would be possible to roll this funding back in future years, if the society's financial situation were to change.

Leigh suggested that it might be better to make the change sustainable, and so to increase by a more incremental amount at first. Simion suggested that it would be a good idea to give as much as the society can, while it can, because it is possible to roll the change back if needed.

Longworth spoke to the idea that the society might need to increase its financial holding while its finances were good, because of the effect that open access will have in the future. He agreed, however, that it would be a good idea to go ahead with the increase to the bursaries now.

The committee agreed to increase student bursaries to 5 bursaries of £5000 a year, from 2023 onwards.

Action: de las casas to action increasing student bursary funding to 5 bursaries of £5000 a year, from 2023 onwards. de las Casas to

add this as a standing item on the agenda in case bursaries needed to be decreased again at some future point.

9. PHILOSOPHY SOCIETIES – JOINT FUNDING IDEA

Longworth explained that this had been an agenda item to discuss the idea, originating with McCabe, of philosophy societies working together to provide funding, and even of pooling their resources into one pot. It was agreed that it would be best to discuss this further with McCabe present at the meeting.

Action: de las Casas to add the idea of join funding between philosophy societies, and of societies working together more generally to the agenda for a future meeting.

10. YEARLY SALARY REVIEW

Hannon summarised that at the July 2022 meeting it was agreed that staff salaries should generally increase by 2.5% each year, to keep somewhat in line with inflation. This was also to be kept under review. It was agreed that Hannon would discuss this with members of the committee who would not be subject to the pay increase over email and to then let de las Casas know if there were any changes to implement.

Action: Hannon to agree any pay rises with the committee over email, and to let de las Casas know if there were changes to implement.

11. NEW BANK ACCOUNT AND BANK CARD

de las Casas explained that one of the society's savings accounts, the CAF Gold account, needed to be closed and re-opened. This was due to the fact that it was no longer possible to hold a GOLD savings account without also holding a second 'CASH' account with CAF. The new cash account would be charged at £60 a year. Due to the fact that the GOLD account has high interest rate, the officers had felt it was worthwhile to sign up for the chargeable account in order to be able to keep the GOLD account.

De las Casas noted that the interest rates for the GOLD account for 2022 were included in the papers for the meeting.

She asked the committee for approval to open the new Cash account and to re-open the GOLD account under these terms. The committee agreed to this.

de las Casas then asked for the committees approval for the Director, Michael Hannon, to have an HSBC Business debit card. The committee approved this.

de las Casas also asked the committee to approve adding the capacity to make international bank payments to the society's HSBC current account. She explained that this was important for paying grants and bursaries to students with non UK accounts. The committee agreed this.

ACTION: de las Casas to do the paperwork to open the GOLD and CASH accounts with CAF, to apply for a business debit card for Hannon, and to add international payments to the society's current account with HSBC.

12. SUPPORT FOR STANFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHILOSOPHY PROJECT

Guy drew the committees attention to an email from Sarah Wieten (Durham) in the papers for the meeting which asked for suggestions for funding for a project to write a history of the Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy. Longworth proposed, and the committee agreed, that this was not the kind of project the society was able to fund currently.

Action: de las Casas to let Sarah Wieten know that the society is unable to fund the SEP project.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

de las Casas presented the committee with a question from student who wanted to know if they were eligible to apply for a bursary. The student's university was not in the UK, but they would be visiting a UK institution for part of the year. Guidance on this was currently unclear, so the options were now to either restrict applications to students based at a UK institution or to open the competition. The committee agreed that bursaries should be restricted to students studying in the UK.

There was no other business and the meeting was concluded at 4.00pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Friday
9th July 2023 at the joint Session in London