

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Explanatory notes on venue and resolutions to be proposed

Venue

The Annual General meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday 19 March 2012 at the Centre for Classical And Near Eastern Studies of Australia (“CCANESA”), Madsen Building, Eastern Avenue, The University of Sydney. The Madsen Building is the first building on the left as you enter Eastern Avenue from City Road, and CCANESA is on the first floor above the entrance level. When entering the building, take the first staircase straight in front of you and this will lead you directly to CCANESA. There are also lifts at the rear of the building.

Election of President

At the invitation of the Council, Dr Robert Harper SC has kindly agreed to stand for election as President of the Association. After a distinguished career at Sydney Grammar School, at which he won the prize for Classical Greek, and at The University of Sydney, culminating in the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1997, Robert has pursued an outstanding career in the law and was appointed Senior Counsel for New South Wales in 2004. Throughout his legal career, Robert has retained his interest in the Classics. Since 2003 he has been Chairman of the Kudos Foundation, a charity supporting the study of Classical Languages in Australia, and he is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens.

Election of other office bearers

In addition to the nomination of Dr Harper as President, nominations have been received for the election of the following additional office bearers:

Secretary: Assoc. Prof. Paul McKechnie

Treasurer: Mr Andrew Miles

Election of members of the Council

Past Presidents of the Association who have agreed to serve on the Council for the coming year are automatically members of the Council. Those who have agreed to serve are:

Anthony Alexander (who retires as President this year)

Dexter Hoyos

Roger Pitcher

John Sheldon

Rod West

Confirmation that Michael Smee is willing to serve is also expected to be received.

In addition, not less than five nor more than ten ordinary members of the Association are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The following have been duly nominated for election:

Frances Muecke
Paul Roche
Kathryn Welch
Peter Wilson

Nominations are also expected to be received for Alanna Nobbs, Ian Plant, Paul Reisner and Matthew Ross.

Other nominations are welcome, and a form of nomination is attached. Any nomination must be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not later than seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all the vacancies on the Council, nominations may be made orally at the Annual General Meeting.

Special resolution

Members will see that in addition to the usual resolutions to be proposed at the meeting, an additional resolution, to be proposed as a special resolution, will be presented to members for approval. This resolution is designed to create a category of honorary life member. Members will recall that in recognition of his exceptional services to the Association it was decided last year to elect Ian MacLeod as an honorary life member. The special resolution to be proposed at the meeting is intended to regularise honorary life membership as an additional category of membership.

We are also taking the opportunity of correcting an incorrect reference in one of our Rules relating to the manner of election of members of the Council.