

THE SOCIETY FOR POST-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY LTD

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for 2021 will be held online at 6.30-7.30pm (GMT) on Tuesday 14th February 2023.

Book your place at the online AGM here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spma-annual-general-meeting-tickets-522434614997>

A Zoom link will be circulated in advance of the meeting to members who have booked their places.

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13. Election of Officers and Members of Council
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 - The **Vice-President** (Jacqui Pearce) will retire and is eligible for re-election.
 - The **Secretary** (Hanna Steyne) will retire and is eligible for re-election.
 - The **Treasurer** (Eloise Kane) will retire and is eligible for re-election.
 - The **Membership Secretary** (Lenore Thompson) will retire and is eligible for re-election.
 - The **(Joint) Journal Editors** (Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon) will retire. Council recommends the election of Caitlyn Scott and Helen Loney.
 - The **Monograph Series Editor** (Ruth Young) will retire. Council recommends the election of Derwin Gregory.
 - The **Newsletter Editor** (Lara Band) will retire and is eligible for re-election.
 - The **Website & Social Media Officer** (Courtenay-Elle Crichton-Turley) will retire and is eligible for re-election.
 - The **Grants and Prizes Coordinators** (Natascha Mehler and Erki Russow) will retire and are eligible for re-election.
 - The **EDI Coordinator** (Marlieke Ernst) will retire and is eligible for re-election.
 - Ordinary members of Council:** Council will propose the election of Katy Whitaker and Monika Reppo as Ordinary members of Council.
14. Election of Company Accountants. The Treasurer will propose re-election of Cheney & Co.
15. Any other Business.

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of AGM for 2021 held at 5:00pm on Monday 10th January 2022, on Zoom.

1. Apologies for absence: Kerry Massheder-Rigby, Rachel Cubitt, Graham Cadman, Blessing Chidimuro, Jacqui Pearce, Roger Leach

2. Minutes of AGM for 2020 held at 6:00pm on Thursday 4 February 2021, on Zoom.

Hanna Steyne-Chamberlin proposed the minutes be accepted, David Petts seconded, and the motion was carried.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. President's Report

I have led a revision of our Articles of Association (the SPMA constitution), and this is up for a vote of formal approval during the meeting. Many of the changes are minor edits to clarify language, but there are a few more substantive changes:

1. It formalises that the young person membership rate also applies to full-time students, and also allows Council to set additional membership rates beyond existing ones; for example to add a higher 'benefactor' rate for anyone wanting to support SPMA more generously, or lower rates for early career colleagues.

2. It moves SPMA to a president-elect model after the terms of the current president and vice-president conclude. SPMA tradition has typically been for the vice-president to be the previous president, though this was never formalised. In the future, the vice-president will be the incoming president, to give them three years to familiarise themselves with the role.

3. It formalises the existing practice of three-year terms for president and vice-president; previously they were technically required to offer themselves for re-election every year.

4. It embeds the new Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer (EDI Officer) role as a named role in the constitution.

5. In cases where SPMA has more candidates than vacancies for either Officer posts or Ordinary Member seats, it explicitly allows Council to organise a contested election for those roles; it is not expected that this mechanism would be used on a regular basis, but it is now available. There has only been one case I can remember in the last decade where Council had more Ordinary Member applicants than vacancies. This was resolved by amending the Articles of Association to increase the number of Council members; while it worked as a one-off solution, this approach is not viable as a long-term solution.

We have separately introduced a slightly more formal process for finding new SPMA officers. In most cases, the outgoing officer will chair a small search committee that recommends two to three names to Council; one of those names should be from a European country other than the UK, and one should fit our EDI remit (those two categories can overlap). Council then decides in which order to approach the names to gauge interest before forwarding a recommendation to the AGM. This will, we hope, help mitigate against the issues we sometimes have in recruiting officers, as well as broaden the potential officer pool.

As noted above, we are introducing a new EDI Officer role to Council, and have also introduced an SPMA EDI statement to our website. This work has been driven by an ad hoc EDI committee consisting of journal co-editor James Dixon, as well as Ordinary Members Alice Samson and Roberto Valcárcel Rojas. I'm grateful to the committee for their work in this area.

We are considering holding the 2023 SPMA annual congress in Poland as part of an initiative to explore alternating the congress between the UK and the rest of Europe. We explicitly position ourselves as a European society, and this offers us the opportunity to engage more with the breadth of European post-medieval archaeology as well as supporting colleagues in countries where the discipline is still building foundations. Poland has been a major source of support for SPMA in recent years; at our last two in-person conferences, Poland was the country supplying the largest number of non-UK papers.

5. Hon. Secretary's Report

The Council recommendations for new Ordinary members and Officers were approved at the last AGM.

The following comprised Council for the reporting period:

President: Alasdair Brooks

Vice-President: Jacqui Pearce

Secretary: Emma Dwyer

Treasurer: Kerry Massheder-Rigby

Membership Secretary: Courtenay-Elle Crichton-Turley

Editors: Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon

Monograph Series Editor: Ruth Young

Newsletter Editor: Lara Band

Website Officer: Courtenay-Elle Crichton-Turley

Grants and Prizes Coordinator: Natascha Mehler and Erki Russow

Assistant Secretary: Hanna Steyne Chamberlin

Assistant Treasurer: Eloise Kane

Ordinary members of Council: Blessing Chidimuro, Rachel Cubitt, Helen Loney, David Petts, Christopher Booth, Alice Samson, William Noah Todd, Brian Kerr, Roberto Valcárcel Rojas

Co-opted member: Roger Leech

Society events

The 2020 Geoff Egan Memorial Lecture was held virtually on Zoom on Saturday 16 January 2021. Dr Dolores Elkin (National Council for Scientific and Technical Research, Argentina) spoke on Archaeological research and heritage management of a British shipwreck in Argentina - The legacy of HMS Swift (1770). Dr Elkin's lecture is available to view on the SPMA YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IE_BZDfwzfy

The 2021 Geoff Egan Memorial Lecture will take place virtually on Zoom at 6pm GMT on Wednesday 8 December 2021, and will be given by Dr Peggy Brunache (Lecturer in the history of Atlantic slavery at the University of Glasgow and Director of the newly established Beniba Centre for Slavery Studies) on A Negro in the Shire: A Black woman's journey for activism through Scottish academia. Free tickets can be booked at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/geoff-egan-memorial-lecture-2021-dr-peggy-brunache-tickets-209519577697> and the lecture is open to all. A Zoom link will be sent to registered audience members in advance of the lecture.

2021 saw our online Post-Medieval Archaeology Congress on 28–30 May. The programme is still available online: <https://pmac21.com> and the pre-recorded papers are available on the SPMA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/postmedarch/playlists>

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and receipt of accounts

The SPMA made a reasonable surplus for 2020–21, primarily owing to a vast reduction in costs related to council member expenses and conferences/events (as the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in all meetings and events taking place digitally).

The primary annual expenditure continues to be journal costs (publishing costs, translations, image editing) however, this is well-balanced by membership subscriptions and favourable contract terms with Taylor and Francis. The primary biennial expenditure continues to be monograph costs.

We continue to use membership subscriptions to publish a high-quality journal, a newsletter, a monograph series, provide a range of awards and run a regular programme of events. In 2020-2021 we increased the amount available for several of our awards to attract increased numbers of applicants and enable high quality research to continue.

The 2020 conference took place digitally, the first digital conference the SPMA has held. The increased 'Zoom' fees were offset by attendance fees and donations. Financially the digital conference was more profitable for the society than a physical conference (primarily due to the cost of room fees).

Council continues to explore ways to increase sponsorship and we continue to generate additional income at no cost to members through Gift Aid. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider filling in a Gift Aid form (available on our website) as it allows the society to claim the equivalent of 20% of your membership subscription from HMRC at no cost to you.

Council also welcome donations and legacy donations which help us to continue to expand society activities to study and promote historical archaeology. In particular, Council thanked Professor Marley R Brown III, a long-time friend and supporter of the society, for his recent generous donation.

The full accounts are available on the SPMA website.

7. Membership Secretary's report

The number of fully-paid-up members in October 2021 stood at 257 with an additional 44 lapsed members (those who have not paid their subscription or informed Taylor & Francis that they wish to cancel their membership). Members should ensure that they fill out a new Direct Debit form in order to ensure that they continue to receive copies of journal (and online access to the same), as well as members' benefits including access to the Society's

grants scheme, including discounts on monographs and conference attendance fees. Please contact the Membership Secretary if you experience any difficulties in signing up for a new Direct Debit. There has been a member drop after the renewal process. As has been raised during our meetings and discussed there have been issues flagged up by members with individuals being displeased with the Taylor and Francis renewal process. Any feedback about Taylor and Francis and the Renewal process from members would be useful so we can see how we can work with them to improve this process.

Our membership breakdown and comparison to last years is as follows:

| Type | 2020 | 2021 |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Standard members | 243 | 203 |
| Student members | 51 | 32 |
| Joint members | 8 | 6 |
| Honorary members | 4 | 4 |
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| New members. | Out of the above numbers 20 | Out of the above numbers 27 are new. |

For members in the UK who are eligible for Gift Aid a form can be downloaded from the Society's website http://www.spma.org.uk/assets/files/SPMA_Gift_Aid_form_2014.pdf If you have already completed a Gift Aid form, thank you - this will be transferred and a new one does not need to be completed, unless your contact details have changed. Registering for Gift Aid enables the Society to reclaim any tax you have paid on your membership fee, increasing the contribution this makes to the Society at no extra cost to you.

| 2020 | Membership | Rates: |
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| Young Person under 25 and Student Membership | £20/\$40/€29 | |
| Standard Membership | £36/\$69/€51 | |
| Joint Membership | £40/\$92/€57 | |

Instagram

We have now been running the Instagram account for two years and it has 791 followers on it, a 250 increase from last year.

The account has been a very good way to publicise our activities, events, opportunities and put our faces to the society as well through our meet and greet posts, and we hope to keep expanding this section of our social media. One in which we will be driving this is by holding three Instagram competitions a year, the winner of which will receive a year's free membership. We hope that these competitions will encourage the share of research and day to day post medieval activities and act as a nice way to publicise the Society.

8. Hon. Editors' Report

Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon, with Laura McAtackney, Gwilym Williams, Caitlyn Scott, Derwin Gregory and Eric Tourigny.

Post-Medieval Archaeology continues to be published on a triannual basis in print form. Volume 55 was completed in 2021. In 2021, the editors expanded the Editorial Advisory Board, welcoming new members from all over the world. We sincerely thank Editorial Advisory Board members, past and present, for their efforts to make the journal better.

Throughout 2021, the journal editors met with the expanded Advisory Board in a series of meetings to discuss ways in which the journal could expand readership and appeal to interdisciplinary researchers as a venue for publication. These discussions were productive and resulted in the establishment of an event series entitled Post-Medieval Archaeology in Context.

At the end of 2022, with the completion of Volume 56 of the journal, Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon will step down as editors of Post-Medieval Archaeology.

9. Newsletter Editor's Report

Both of the year's newsletters went out on time, and have continued to include short 150-word summaries of recently completed PhDs. Members will have noticed that the Spring newsletter arrived in a plastic wrapper; this was raised with Taylor & Francis who confirmed this was a production error and the Autumn issue was sent as a 'naked' mailing without a wrapper.

10. Website Officer's Report

It has been a quiet year on the website front, with Eloise shadowing Kerry to take on Treasurer duties and Courtney-Elle remaining as Membership Secretary during this transitional period. We continue to use the website as a base for news, events, and signposting to items of interest. Items of interest, new photographs and events are always welcome and can be sent to the website officer e-mail address.

11. Grants and Prizes Coordinator's Report

2021 brought the change of personnel for SPMA Grants and Prizes Coordinator as Hilary Orange retired and Natascha Mehler (University of Tübingen) and Erki Russow (University of Tallinn) were elected as the replacement. The handover was smooth, we thank Hilary for all the preparations starting with the introduction to the processes and ending with the updated documentation.

Three research grants were awarded in this period to diverse projects. The winners were Eugene Costello (Stockholm University) 'Feeding Capitalism and Facing its Consequences? Upland Pastoralism and Environmental Change in South-west Ireland, c.1400-1850' (Autumn 2020), Iva Stojević (ENS de Lyon) 'Printing resistance - Archaeology of media and cultural production during WW2 in Yugoslavia' and Piers Dixon (Peeblesshire Archaeological Society), 'Shootinglee Forest Stead Project (Spring 2021).

Franciska Mátéová (University of Glasgow) won the 2020 undergraduate prize for her dissertation 'Isle of Arran: Gypsy Travellers explored through contemporary cave use'. For the PG dissertation award (deadline was extended from December 2020 to February 2021) we received two nominations, the winner was announced in September 2021. During the Council meetings in Spring 2021 it was discussed whether to open the PG dissertation to the wider audience (i.e., European universities), we reached the conclusion in Councils August 2021 meeting.

12. Creation of new role on Council

Council proposed the creation of an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer role on Council. This was proposed by James Dixon and seconded by Brian Kerr and Courtenay-Elle Crichton-Turley. The Motion was passed.

13. Approval of revision of the Articles of Association

As per the changes outlined in the President's report, and in Appendix 1, this was proposed by Katherine Fennelly and seconded by Lara Band. The Motion was carried.

14. Election of Officers and Members of Council

The President (Alasdair Brooks) retired and was eligible for re-election.

The Vice-President (Jacqui Pearce) retired and was eligible for re-election.

The Secretary (Emma Dwyer) retired and did not seek re-election. **Council proposed the election of Hanna Steyne Chamberlin.**

The Treasurer (Kerry Massheder-Rigby) retired and did not seek re-election. **Council proposed the election of Eloise Kane.**

The Membership Secretary (Courtenay-Elle Crichton-Turley) retired and did not seek re-election. **Council proposed the election of Lenore Thompson.**

The Joint Editors (Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon) retired and were eligible for re-election.

The Monograph Series Editor (Ruth Young) retired and was eligible for re-election.

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The Grants and Prizes Coordinators (Natascha Mehler and Erki Russow) retired and were eligible for re-election.

The EDI Coordinator role is a new one, **Council proposed the election of Marlieke Ernst.**

Ordinary members of Council: Christopher Booth, Brian Kerr and Alice Samson retired as Ordinary Council members at the end of their three-year terms. Roger Leech's one-year co-option also ended. **Council proposed the election of Héloïse Barbel, Alessandro Camiz, Sanna Lipkin and Magdalena Matczak as Ordinary members of Council.**

The election of the Officers and Ordinary Members above was proposed by Christopher Booth and seconded by Alessandro Camiz. The Motion was carried.

15. Election of Company Accountants.

The Treasurer (Eloise Kane) proposed re-election of Cheney & Co. This was seconded by Alasdair Brooks. The Motion was carried.

16. Any other Business.

Alasdair Brooks thanked those members of Council who were standing down or coming to the end of their terms.

Katherine Fennelly asked new Council members to email affiliations to the editor email address in order to update the journal.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

4. President's Report

2022 began with a significant challenge when, due to rising COVID rates in the initial planning period, we decided we had no choice but to hold another online conference. While we were able to host many excellent papers online, we all miss the camaraderie and networking of in-person conferences – which is why I'm delighted to be able to report that our first in-person SPMA Congress since Glasgow 2019 will take place in Poznan, Poland on the weekend of 5-7 May. We look forward to seeing many of our members at our hosts at Adam Mickiewicz University that weekend. I would note that we chose the date before the late Queen's death and announcement of the coronation date, so on a slightly selfish level I'm relieved that we're travelling outside the UK that weekend – or else we would have been facing another postponement or cancellation.

The decision to take our annual conference outside the UK for the first time was driven by the following factors:

- A desire to build on our ongoing growth as a pan-European society.
- A recognition that Poland has consistently provided the largest group of colleagues from outside the UK at our conferences for years.
- A desire to support the growth of post-medieval/historical archaeology in central Europe and the Baltic.

We're certainly not abandoning the UK, though, and plan on now alternating the SPMA Congress between Great Britain and the rest of Europe over the coming years.

We were also able to have the first in-person Geoff Egan Memorial Lecture since 2019 this year. For the first time, we took the lecture outside of London, hosting it at Kelham Island Museum in Sheffield. Dr. Rachael Kiddey of the University of Cambridge delivered the lecture on the topic 'Archaeology as Sustainability: collaborative cultural heritage work as advocacy for the sustainable future of humanity and more-than-humans'.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine cast a heavy shadow over the year, and I acknowledged the contribution of Ukraine's relevant UNESCO World Heritage sites to Europe's common post-medieval heritage in a piece I wrote for the SPMA Newsletter. We also offered support for archaeology in a letter to the authorities in Ghent, Belgium, where the local council is significantly cutting back on funding for the local archaeology service.

But ultimately, we're all looking forward to 2023 proving to be the first more or less normal year for SPMA since 2019. It's been a challenging period for all of us, and I'm grateful to those Council members, members, and other colleagues who've helped us weather the worst of the pandemic.

5. Hon. Secretary's Report

This year has seen the secretary get the SPMA up to date on various paperwork issues with Companies House and the Charities Commission. We are looking at introducing and updating various policy documents including GDPR and working with volunteers.

The council met in April, July, and October via zoom and were able to meet in person in December prior to the Geoff Egan lecture in Sheffield.

The following people were on Council for the reporting period:

President: Alasdair Brooks
Vice-President: Jacqui Pearce
Secretary: Hanna Steyne
Treasurer: Eloise Kane
Membership Secretary: Lenore Thompson
EDI Coordinator: Marlieke Ernst
Editors: Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon
Monograph Series Editor: Ruth Young
Newsletter Editor: Lara Band
Website Officer: Courtenay-Elle Crichton-Turley
Grants and Prizes Coordinator: Natascha Mehler & Erki Russow
Ordinary members of Council: Anton Larsson, William Noah Todd, Héloïg Barbel, Alessandro Camiz, Sanna Lipkin, Blessing Chidimuro, Rachel Cubitt, Helen Loney, David Petts. Magdalena Matczak and Roberto Valcarcel Rojas retired from council part way through the year.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and receipt of accounts

SPMA expenditure continued to be generally low during 2021-2022, owing to the continued use of digital meetings which kept council member expenses low, and with no associated room hire costs.

The primary annual expenditure continues to be journal costs (publishing costs, translations, image editing). Expenditure in some areas seems higher than last year owing to some invoices being held over the COVID pandemic, but this all balances out. We continue to use membership subscriptions to publish a high-quality journal, a newsletter, a monograph series, provide a range of awards. Some research awards were again held while the pandemic prevented fieldwork, and these are now up-to-date. The 2021 conference was again held digitally.

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Council also welcome donations and legacy donations which help us to continue to expand society activities to study and promote historical archaeology. We are particularly looking to expand our global reach.

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7. Membership Secretary's report

The number of fully-paid-up members in December 2022 stood at 230 with an additional 56 lapsed members (those who have not paid their subscription or informed Taylor & Francis that they wish to cancel their membership). Members should ensure that they renew their membership online or fill out a Direct Debit form in order to ensure that they continue to receive copies of journal and online access to the same, as well as members' benefits including access to the Society's grants scheme, including discounts on monographs and conference attendance fees. Please contact the Membership Secretary if you experience any difficulties in signing up for a new Direct Debit.

There has been a member drop through the years since the beginning of the Covid 19 Pandemic. It is thought that the initiation of in person events will help redress this issue as it will allow SPMA

Council members to advertise the Society more thoroughly. This includes holding the Geoff Egan Memorial Lecture in person, SPMA attendance at conferences such as the SHA, as well as the international SPMA Conference PMAC2023 hosted by the archaeology Department of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland.

There has been an issue flagged with the Taylor and Francis renewal process, where several members have been charged twice for their membership fee. This has occurred across other archaeology subscriptions that are managed by Taylor and Francis such as 'Association for Industrial Archaeology' and 'Society for Medieval Archaeology'. Taylor and Francis is working hard to identify those that have been charged twice, contact them with an apology and process a refund for the additional funds. Any feedback about Taylor and Francis and the Renewal process from members would be useful so we can see how we can work with them to improve this process.

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| Honorary members | 4 | 4 | 5 |
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| New members. | Out of the above numbers 20 | Out of the above numbers 27 are new. | Out of the above numbers 18 are new. |

For members in the UK who are eligible for Gift Aid can fill out a form. Currently, please email the membership secretary for this form, and provision for it to be made available through the website will be made going forward. If you have filled out a Gift Aid for in the past this will be transferred with your membership renewal, and a new form does not need to be completed, unless your contact details have changed. Registering for Gift Aid enables the Society to reclaim any tax you have paid on your membership fee, increasing the contribution this makes to the Society at no extra cost to you.

2020-2022 Membership Rates:

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Ph.D. Group

The Membership Secretary has taken over running of the PhD Group. Membership for the Ph.D. group has risen to 21 members. The PhD Group Programme for 2022-23 has begun crafted based on the wishes of the membership, and events/workshops will be held throughout the academic year, concluding in July. The final session will also include a questionnaire that will provide the framework for the 2023-24 Ph.D. Group Programme.

8. Hon. Journal Editors' Report

Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon, with Gwilym Williams, Caitlyn Scott, Derwin Gregory and Eric Tourigny.

Post-Medieval Archaeology continues to be published on a triannual basis in print form. Volume 56 was completed in 2022. From Volume 57, all copy will be published online first through Scholar One, with a new in-text referencing system in place that reflects the disciplinary standard.

In 2022, William Noah Todd joined the editorial team as Reviews Editor.

With the completion of Volume 56 of the journal, Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon step down as editors of Post-Medieval Archaeology.

Caitlyn Scott and Helen Loney will take over the editorship from 2023.

9. Newsletter Editor's Report

The Spring newsletter went out on time though the Autumn newsletter was delayed due to the Newsletter Editor losing access to Publisher (which they only had previously via work). The Secretary was able to finish the newsletter but this did highlight how production of the newsletter is currently dependent on having access to this software.

In the autumn a meeting was held with the SPMA PhD group to encourage them to contribute to the newsletter, potentially in the form of a 'takeover' of one issue. It was felt that the Spring 2023 issue would be too soon for this and we are holding another meeting in January to consider a takeover for the Autumn issue.

10. Website & Social Media Officer's Report

There are a few recent changes to the SPMA website we have now launched our new website which is making it easier to integrate events, social media, and add in new pages and menus as we expand the Society's activities. The hosting has remained with the same company (with a 66% saving in hosting costs!), and all e-mail addresses have remained the same. We will over the course of this year be upgrading each section so there will be some upcoming changes so stay tuned for those, part of what we want to do is include alt text on to our images so they are suitable for screen readers to ensure our website is more accessible.

We continue to communicate news and events through social media – our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds are increasingly popular and occasional emails are now sent via Mailchimp to members for whom we have an email address, as well as interested others, with news about our events and publications. If you are not receiving the emails and would like to, please sign up by following this link: <http://eepurl.com/btyb3n>

We would love feedback for the website either what you currently think about it, or changes you would like to see on it. If you do have any feedback please do get in touch with Courtenay, the website editor at website@spma.org.uk

11. Grants and Prizes Coordinator's Report

In 2022, SPMA shared its Research Grants for four projects. Spring 2022 round offered three supported projects: Niels Henrik Andreasen and Panagiota Pantzou, The Pantopoleion in Ano Gatzsea – Establishment, operation and decline of a community shop in a Greek mountain village (awarded £1000), Sarah Breiter, Building Patterns as Environmental Landscapes in West Suffolk between 1450 and 1700 (awarded £500) and Rachel Hopkins, Early Tudor Gardens and Their Design: What Did They Look Like, and Why? (awarded £500). Autumn round brought one project: Silvia Pizzinat, Witchcraft, women and violence in post-medieval Scotland: a bioarchaeological approach (awarded £1500).

Annabelle Hill (University of York) won the 2021 SPMA undergraduate dissertation prize for her dissertation 'Politeness and the city: The Social and Architectural development of York Assembly Rooms, 1730-1950', announced in March 2022.

The 2021 SPMA postgraduate dissertation winner was Josephine Sweeney (UCL Institute of Archaeology), with the winning dissertation 'Approaching Asbestos as Heritage', announced in April 2022.

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Ordinary members of Council: ... have retired this year and/or will retire at the end of their three year appointments.

Council proposes the election of Katy Whitaker (UK) and Monika Reppo (Estonia) as Ordinary members of Council.

13. Election of Company Accountants.

The Treasurer will propose re-election of Cheney & Co.

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