

# **THE SOCIETY FOR POST-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY LTD**

## **Annual General Meeting (Minutes)**

Wednesday 6th December 5-6pm (GMT)

The Wardwick, Derby. DE1 1BS.

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM held online, 14 February 2023
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Hon. Secretary's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and receipt of accounts
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. EDI Officer's Report
9. Hon. Journal Editors' Report
10. Monograph Editor's Report
11. Newsletter Editor's Report
12. Website & Social Media Officer's Report
13. Grants and Prizes Coordinator's Report
14. Election of Officers and Members of Council

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**Ordinary members of Council:** Council will propose the election of Kathryn [Katie] Sampeck and Magdalena Naum as Ordinary members of Council.

David Petts, Blessing Chidimuro, and Rachel Cubitt will retire their positions as ordinary members of council.

15. Election of Company Accountants. The Treasurer will propose re-election of Cheney & Co.
16. Any other Business.

1. Apologies for absence  
Julie Edwards, Roger Leech, Graham Cadman, David Petts

Attendance in person:

Alasdair Brooks (Chair), Hanna Steyne (minutes), Lenore Thompson, Katy Whitaker, Tânia Casimiro, Emma Dwyer, Maxim Mordovin

Online: Eloise Kane, Jacqui Pearce, Cait Scott, Helen Loney, Erki Russo, Lara Band, Magdelana Naum, Rachel Cubitt, Monika Reppo, Katie Sampek

2. Minutes of AGM for 2022 held on Tuesday 14th February 2022, on Zoom.

1. **Apologies for absence:**

*Natascha Mehler, Lenore Thompson, Eloise Kane, Helen Loney, Lara Band, Hilary Orange, Ruth Lankester*

2. **Minutes of AGM for 2021 held on 10th January 2022, on Zoom.**

*No comments*

*Approved by all present*

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

*No 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.*

*Thanks to those stepping down: Anton, Kat, Jim, Ruth and Will who will become Reviews Editor. Also lost Magda and Roberto during the year.*

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.

Council continues to explore ways to increase sponsorship and we are able 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 so that the society can a percentage of membership subscription from HMRC.

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.

The full accounts are available on the SPMA website.

JD: £40,000 ringfenced for a post-med research framework, could we have an update

AB: agreed in principle to stop ring fencing for the research framework, which was UK focused and out of date – having been in place for 10 years. Will be reallocated to international work, to be decided by council at the next meeting.

#### **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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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:

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

#### **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.

ED: Who was the new honorary member in 2022?

AB: We haven't appointed a new member, so will need to check that this is a typo.

#### **8. Hon. Editors' Report**

Katherine Fennelly and James Dixon, with Gwilym Williams, Cait 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.

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

Derwin Gregory stepping down as assistant editor to become monographs editor.

Kat stepping down after a long time on council.

Jim stepping down after joining council in 2008

AB: Personal thanks to both for all they have done for the Journal and for the length of time working for council.

#### **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.*

*Added the PhD group to the website with the aim to include profiles of their research. We also now have a monographs section which allows for bilingual content.*

*We continue to communicate news and events through social media using hootsuite – 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](mailto: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 Gatzia – 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.*

#### **12. Election of Officers and Members of Council**

*AB: This will be the last year we use this annual re-election system for President and Vice-President. Under the amended Articles of Association, at the end of this year, the VP & President will serve 3 year term, with the VP being the president in waiting for the following 3 years. Both Alasdair and Jacqui will retire at the end of 2023.*

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*Ordinary members of Council: Anton Larsson, William Noah Todd will retire from council at the end of their 3 year terms. Magdalena Matczak and Roberto Valcarcel Rojas retired from council earlier in the year.*

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

*Emma Dwyer proposes*

*Rachel Cubbitt seconded*

*All in favour.*

**13. Election of Company Accountants.**

*The Treasurer (Eloise Kane) proposed re-election of Cheney & Co. Proposed: Courtenay-Elle Crichton-Turley  
Seconded: Hanna Steyne*

*All in favour.*

**14. Any other Business.**

*WT: For council members that are stepping down is there a process for removing details as directors from Companies House?*

*HS: Yes there is, once everyone is approved at this meeting, I will update our details.*

*AB: Thank you to all the old committee members stepping down, and welcome to all the new members.*

**Minutes approved: KW moves, ED seconds. All in favour.**

### **3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

No matters arising

### **4. President's Report**

2023 will be remembered as the year when we were able to hold an in-person conference for the first time since our 2019 conference in Glasgow. We would like to thank our generous hosts at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland for hosting us back in May. We now plan on alternating our annual conferences between Great Britain and the rest of Europe. Our 2024 conference will be in Swansea, Wales, at Swansea University on Friday 5 – Sunday 7 April 2024. We will then travel to Lisbon, Portugal, for the 2025 conference, and as I write this have just received a bid from Reading University in England for 2026. I'm pleased that we've been able to plan a few years ahead, to better enable our members to plan.

The 2023 Geoff Egan Lecture will be delivered by Professor Maxim Mordovin, Department of Hungarian Medieval and Early Modern Archaeology, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary on the topic The Unexpected Side of English Cloth Seals: 16th- to 17th-Century Finds in Central and Eastern Europe. The lecture will take place at 7.00pm, 6 December 2023 at the Museum of Making, Derby, England, and will also be available online. While the lecture is free of charge, booking is essential.

This is my last AGM as president. Subject to AGM approval, I will be handing over to Dr Hanna Steyne as president and (for the first time under our revised president-elect system) Tânia Manuel Casimiro as vice-president and president-elect. I'm pleased to leave the Society in their capable hands. Over the last three years my main points of focus have been strengthening the society's procedures and governance as we emerged from Covid lockdowns and growing our cross-European engagement to emphasise that we're a genuinely European society, even while acknowledging our roots are in the UK. I would like to think I've had some measure of success with both priorities. However, I'm concerned about the fall in our membership in the three years that I've been president. Much of this may be down to Covid, but growing our membership again will likely be a key priority for Hanna and Tânia over the next two to three years. I hope that those of you reading this note will not just renew your memberships, but will also help encourage colleagues and friends who aren't members of the benefits of joining SPMA, and the amazing work that they would be supporting by joining us.

We recently received a generous legacy donation from the estate of Rachael Elizabeth Horne, the wife of the Jonathon Horne one of the founders of the SPMA. Council will be considering how to use this money.

### **5. Hon. Secretary's Report**

This year has seen further rearrangement and delegation of some accumulated responsibilities for the Secretary. Our sub-committees were formed for the running of the 2023 and set up for the 2024 SPMA Conferences, and likewise for the Geoff Egan Lectures in late 2022 and this year.

The members and friends email list has been paused whilst we consider GDPR issues, and having accumulated a large number of people on the list, we have sought alternative hosting for the mail list with JISCMail, a well-established UK based research mailing list provider.

The council met in March and September via zoom and were able to have a hybrid in-person/online meeting in May in Poznan during the SPMA Conference.

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

Our spending was anticipated to be higher this year due to the in-person conference we held in Poland in May. This was more expensive than anticipated but was a great success, and it is anticipated that this will be balanced by our next domestic conference. However, as we paid held-over grants last year our spending has stayed fairly level. The primary annual expenditure continues to be journal costs (publishing costs, translations, image editing). We continue to use digital meetings for general council meetings which has kept travel costs low, though we paid travel costs for council members attending the meeting in Poznań.

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## **7. Membership Secretary's report**

We currently have 160 standard members, 3 of which are new members who have joined since the last reporting period in August. Since that time the number of 'new paid' memberships has increased by 7. We have a total of 28 student members, 3 of which have joined since the last reporting period. The number of 'Joint Members' and 'Honorary Members' has remained the same since the last reporting period. In the last reporting period 49 members had allowed their membership to lapse, this has reduced to 43 members meaning that 6 of these members have renewed their membership since August. The total number of cancelled memberships remains at 4, which has not changed. Overall the total number of memberships has risen from 191 to 198.

In the past year the Membership Secretary has been liaising with Taylor & Frances over any membership inquires or problems and seeking to resolve all issues so that members can enjoy their membership with the SPMA, and experience a smooth renewal.

The Membership Secretary also runs the SPMA PhD Group. This includes designing a programme of workshops with the SPMA PhD group members, and running it throughout the academic year. Sessions are held online in an accessible format, with the Membership Secretary chairing any discussions and sharing any learning materials that come from the sessions.

The Membership Secretary has been part of a committee, alongside Katy Whitaker and Alasdair Brooks, organising the Geoff Egan Memorial lecture for the 6th of December 2023 at the Museum of Making in Derby, UK.

As a member of the SPMA Council the Membership Secretary has taken part in discussions with group members regarding the need for a social media manager, and been involved in exploring what additional things the SPMA membership desire in order to expand the reach of the SPMA and associated membership numbers. This year the Membership Secretary has also supported the Society, alongside other members of the Society including ordinary and student members, by physically attending to an SPMA conference table at the EAA Conference this past August in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

#### October 2023

	Renew Paid	New Paid	Total	Lapsed	Cancelled
Standard Members	157	3	160	30	3
Student Members	17	11	28	13	1
Joint Members	5	1	6	0	0
Honorary Members	4	0	4	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>

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#### 8. EDI Officer's Report

Marlieke is currently on maternity leave and is due back early in 2024.

#### 9. Hon. Journal Editors' Report

Cait Scott, Helen Loney, Crystal Hollis, Eric Tourigny, Grace Conium Parsonage, and Gwilym Williams.

Post-Medieval Archaeology continues to be published on a triannual basis, with 2023 Volume 57 being the first online-led edition of the journal. Issue 1 has also been published in print and issues 2 and 3 are in progress. This transition has brought changes to our working practices and to the journal more generally, including the adoption of an online peer review system and Chicago in-text citation

styles. The editors are currently exploring the use of Taylor and Francis' in-house summary translation tools. We also introduced two new assistant editors, Crystal Hollis and Grace Conium Parsonage, whilst Cait Scott will step down as co-editor to become an additional assistant editor at the end of 2023. Now that the editorial team is leaving this transitional phase, it is hoped that 2024 will bring the return of Post-Medieval Archaeology in Context and Editorial Board meetings, alongside the punctual publication of Volume 58 in three issues.

#### **10. Monograph Editor's Report**

Work has been ongoing with the editors of the proposed dual language South American monograph. The call for papers did not produce enough interest, and work commitments of the Spanish editors has meant there has been little progress. It has been decided to put the monograph on hold until the New Year, when the monograph editors can refocus and try another call for papers. Once an outline list of contributors has been developed, SPMA can submit a proposal form to Boydell and Brewer for their Board to decide if they will accept the monograph for publication. There is still interest in developing a short dual-language monograph series, but support will be needed to identify suitable editors for each volume. Several individuals have also approached SPMA potentially interested in publishing a monograph with us, but there has been no further contact since.

#### **11. Newsletter Editor's Report**

The Spring newsletter went out late due to the editor's workload. A mix up with the mailing list at Taylor and Francis meant that newsletters were sent out with the wrong first name/initial: 4 members of council reported this, as well as four SPMA members. It is not clear how widespread the issue was but Taylor and Francis have promised will be rectified for the next newsletter. The Autumn newsletter has not been compiled as yet, this is likely to go out sometime in November, again due to workload issues.

At the Council meeting in September the Newsletter Editor indicated they will stand down at the end of this year, having edited the Newsletter since Spring 2019. A new newsletter editor is being sought.

AB – apologies on behalf of SPMA for T&F mix up of names on the Spring Newsletter.

#### **12. Website & Social Media Officer's Report**

##### Instagram

We have now been running the Instagram account for three years and it has 945 followers on it, a 154 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. We are currently aware we need to build are social media presence and we are working on new strategies to carry this forward.

##### Website

There are a few recent changes to the SPMA website design wise to make it more visually appealing this includes putting profile images to our current council and continuing to move the old archive over whilst maintaining new and future events. Each section has now been upgraded which was a task left over from last year's website move. This year we have had 29,287 visitors so far to the website (9/10/2023).

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](mailto:website@spma.org.uk)

We will also be introducing a member's discount page - so look out for the link and the QR code in upcoming newsletters!

### **13. Grants and Prizes Coordinator's Report**

In 2023, SPMA has shared its Research Grants for two projects so far (the results of the autumn round have not been received as of the time of writing). Spring 2023 round offered two supported projects: Piers Dixon (Peeblesshire Archaeological Society) - „Shootinglee Forest Stead Project“ (UKP775) and Veronica Lee (University of York) - „Fish for the Wealthy: Pike Trade in the Baltic Sea Region (500-700 AD)“ - (UKP840). In late March we announced the winner of the PG dissertation prize 2022 – the winner is Claire Elizabeth Moore (University of Sheffield) with „ Protest, Presence and Promotion: Capturing the contrasting conversations expressed through graffiti stickers and how they contribute to defining a subcultural community in a Sheffield Street“.

Our UG dissertation prize will be announced before the AGM, thus we don't have at the moment (mid-October) anything to report.

After a few years hiatus, we also announced the Paul Courtney Travel Award in early March - this time, the award has been shared between two students from Lisbon, Susana Pacheco and Alfonso Leao to travel to Post-Medieval Archaeology Congress, Poznań, May 2023.

Motion to accept the reports – LT, Second – MM: All in favour. No opposition

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The **EDI Coordinator** (Marlieke Ernst) will retire and is eligible for re-election. Council recommends the re-election of Marlieke Ernst.

**Ordinary members of Council:** Council will propose the election of Kathryn [Katie] Sampeck and Magdalena Naum as Ordinary members of Council.

David Petts, Blessing Chidimuro, and Rachel Cubitt will retire their positions as ordinary members of council.

Proposed: ED

Seconded: LT

No opposition

Since distribution of the AGM Agenda, the following people have been proposed for Council:

Secretary – Blessing Chidimuro

Newsletter – Jamie Farrington

Both BC and JF will be co-opted onto council and there will be an extraordinary AGM early in the new year to approve those two posts.

Eloise Kane announced her intention to retire from the role of Treasurer at the end of 2024.

#### **15. Election of Company Accountants.**

The Treasurer (EK) proposed re-election of Cheney & Co. as our Accountants

Seconded: RC

All in favour, none opposed.

#### **16. Any other Business.**

Alasdair and Jacqui were presented with vintage Staffordshire platters with thanks from Council and on behalf the membership for all their contributions to the Society during their time holding various positions on Council including as past Presidents.

# Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology: Extraordinary General Meeting (via Zoom)

1st March 2024 10.00-10.30am GMT

## Attendees (via Zoom)

Hanna Steyne, Tânia Casimiro, Helen Loney, Jamie Farrington, Blessing Chidimuro, Monika Reppo, Lenore Thompson, Sanna Lipkin, Alessandro Camiz, Erki Russo,

## Apologies

Lara Band, Megan Crutcher, Magdelana Naum, Eloise Kane, Derwin Gregory

## Election of Officers:

Election of Honorary Secretary - Council proposes Blessing Chidimuro

All present approved.

Election of Newsletter Editor - Council proposes Jamie Farrington

All present approved.

Election of Social Media Officer - Council proposes Monika Reppo

All present approved.

## Any Other Business:

Derwin Gregory will retire from Council as the SPMA Monographs Editor. There are no current monographs in process, and the proposed dual English-Spanish language volume is still seeking contents. Helen Loney offered for the publications team to take over the role collectively for the interim. Tânia Casimiro offered to assist with seeking additional content for the dual language, and perhaps widening the scope for additional content. The role can be formally filled at the next AGM.

## The SPMA Council for 2024 comprises:

The <b>President</b>	Hanna Steyne
The <b>Vice-President</b>	Tânia Manuel Casimiro
The <b>Secretary</b>	Blessing Chidimuro
The <b>Treasurer</b>	Eloise Kane
The <b>Membership Secretary</b>	Lenore Thompson
The <b>(Joint) Journal Editors</b>	Helen Loney and Lara Band.
The <b>Monograph Series Editor</b>	-
The <b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Jamie Farrington
The <b>Website &amp; Social Media Officer</b>	Monika Reppo
The <b>Grants and Prizes Coordinators</b>	Erki Russow
The <b>EDI Coordinator</b>	Marlike Ernst
<b>Ordinary members of Council</b>	Alessandro Camiz, Sanna Lipkin, Katy Whitaker, Héloïg Barbel, Kathryn [Katie] Sampeck and Magdalena Naum.