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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the National Secular Society will be held on Saturday 26 November 2016 in the Main Hall at Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London, WC1R 4RL at **1.30 p.m.**. Registration will start at **1.00 p.m.** Please arrive promptly. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available before the meeting.

The meeting is open to paid-up members and affiliated group representatives only. Only one representative of each affiliated group will be admitted, and they will be able to cast a vote on its behalf if they bring an authorising letter from their organisation.

Your Council hopes that as many members as possible will come to participate in the meeting and have the opportunity to meet the Council, staff and other members. We particularly welcome those who have not been to an AGM before.

### **Please bring this document and the Annual Report to the meeting.**

The nearest Underground station is Holborn, which is on both the Central and Piccadilly lines. Euston, Kings Cross, St Pancras and Waterloo main line stations, and Farringdon (Thameslink) are within a mile or so. There are no planned engineering works on the day, with the exception of long term closures on the London Overground. Please check for updates on [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk). There are also several bus routes passing nearby, including the no. 38 from Victoria, the 17 from London Bridge and numbers 59, 68, 168 and 171 from Waterloo. The 7 from Paddington terminates at nearby Russell Square.

Keith Porteous Wood, FCCA  
Company Secretary

***Members are invited to drinks and sandwiches in the Brockway Room after the meeting.***

### **COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Much of Council business is conducted on a daily basis by email and telephone. Eight Council meetings were held in the period between the last AGM and the end of September. Attendances were as follows:

Terry Sanderson, President (8); Judy Audaer (6); Josephine Macintosh\* (1); Alistair McBay, Vice-President (7); Ed Moore, Treasurer (8); Ray Newton (5); Gerard Phillips (2); Sadikur Rahman (7); Afonso Reis e Sousa (7); Peter Revell (6); Dorothy Smith (7); Robert Stovold (8) and Adrian Tippetts, Vice-President (5).

\*She attended the only meeting to take place between her co-option and the end of September.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### 26 November 2016

## AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of Standing Orders**
- 2. Minutes of 2015 AGM** (copies available at the meeting)
- 3. Matters Arising** (from minutes and not included elsewhere on agenda)
- 4. Report of the Council of Management** (The Annual Report is enclosed with this notice.)
- 5. Adoption of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016**

The full Financial Statements examined by the reviewing accountants will be available to members attending the meeting, and will be sent to members on request. The Honorary Treasurer will deliver his Report for the year ended 31 March 2016 which is enclosed, together with an abstract of the Financial Statements on the reverse.

- 6. Election of Officers** (who are *ex-officio* members of Council)

The nominations for the Officers' positions (elected annually) are:

- (a) President: **Terry Sanderson** (nominated by Diane Murray, seconded by Michael Irwin)  
The presidential candidate will make an address.
- (b) Vice-President(s):
  - (i) **Alistair McBay** (nominated by Neil Barber, seconded by Elizabeth McIver)
  - (ii) **Adrian Tippets** (nominated by Derek Lennard, seconded by Gustavo Olivo-Rabiru)
- (c) Treasurer: **Edward Moore** (nominated by John Dowdle, seconded by Ben Collier)

- 7. Election of other members of the Council of Management (contested election)**

Council is currently at its capacity of 13. Robert Stovold is retiring and not offering himself for re-election. After retirements there will be four vacant seats, but the following five candidates are offering themselves for election/re-election. The four candidates with the highest net vote (votes in favour minus votes against) will be elected to Council. Candidates with a negative net vote are not elected.

The following candidates have retired by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:

- (i) **Sadikur Rahman** (nominated by Asad Abbas, seconded by Riz Wasti)
- (ii) **Peter Revell** (nominated by Dominic Wirdnam, seconded by Shaun Joynson)

The following member of Council was co-opted during the year and is required to retire and is standing for re-election:

- (iii) **Josephine Macintosh** (nominated by Claudine Baxter, seconded by Barry Thorpe)

Also standing for Council:

- (iv) **Chris Moos** (nominated by Rumy Hasan, seconded by Toby Keynes)
- (v) **Richard Scorer** (nominated by Steven Lindsay, seconded by Mary Clear)

- 8. Election of reviewing accountants**

The Council proposes that Hunt Blake and Co. be re-appointed as reviewing accountants of the NSS.

- 9. Appointment of Agenda Committee**

- 10. Motions** (No motions have been received from members or proposed by Council.)

- 11. Conclusion of AGM**