

Enfield & District Organists' Association

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held at
All Saints', Hertford on
Saturday 12th February 2011 at 5pm.

Present were Simon Williams (President), Michael Hennin (Hon. Secretary), Robin Coxon (Hon. Treasurer) and 13 members.

Apologies for absence were received from Hilary Bailey, Joyce and Alan Beaumont, Hilary Burton Smith, Anne and Michael Coffey, Linden Innes-Hopkins, Carol Jarman, Andrew Parnell, David Patrick, Peter St John Stokes, and Kathy Westwood.

Minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed by Simon Williams, being proposed by Keith Mitchell and seconded by Terence Atkins.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

The revised Constitution proposed at last year's AGM was duly adopted.

President's Report

First, I should like to thank the Team Rector and Church Wardens for allowing us to use All Saints' Church this evening and Martin Penny for making the arrangements. Of course, we much look forward to his recital after this meeting!

It has been a fairly busy year for EDOA, even if I find it hard to remember further back than last September when I broke my leg. The year began in January 2010 with a talk on the life and music of SS Wesley given by Dr Peter Horton. In March we encouraged our members to attend the London Organ Day, whilst April saw our Teachers Forum Student Concert. In June the Members' Recital took place at St Mary's Cheshunt thanks to the hospitality of our member Peter Smith who is organist there. In July I gave an illustrated whistle-stop survey of organ repertoire from 16th - 21st centuries. It was a sadness that in September the planned choral workshop with our former President Andrew Parnell had to be cancelled through lack of advance bookings, but we hope to re-schedule this. In October, Ted Sharp kindly opened his home to us for an evening where members could share their favourite organ cds with each other, and in November we encouraged members to attend the RCO London Organ Forum which, despite its name, took place in Oxford!

There are a number of forthcoming events planned, further details of which can be found in the newsletter and on the website. In brief, March sees the London Organ Day take a look at Liszt, whilst in April Stephen Farr will give an illustrated talk on the life and music of Jehan Alain. Both Liszt and Alain have important anniversaries in 2011. In May Roger Carter and I will lead a workshop for church organists, and in June we have a visit to the new and acclaimed Flentrop organ in Christ Church, Chelsea, followed by a guided walk of the area. Before the summer break we look forward to the St Albans International Organ Competition and associated Festival in July.

As you know, I have decided to step down as President of EDOA at this meeting. I have enjoyed my time as President and wish my successor Terence Atkins well as he takes up the position. Robin Coxon as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Michael Hennin as Secretary, and Rosemary Knight as webmistress, and the rest of the committee, Terence Atkins, Roger Carter, Lilian Gibbens and Ted Sharp have been a great support during my presidency and I should like to record my thanks to them and to all others who have served on the committee during this time. I look forward to seeing the Association develop and to keeping in touch with members.

Secretary's Report

Michael Hennin reported that nine events had been held over the past year, six hosted by EDOA. He encouraged members to attend events and urged members to put themselves forward for committee election. Those with internet access were encouraged to join the members' list.

Treasurer's Report

After an introduction from Robin Coxon the statement of the Association's accounts was adopted being proposed by Roger Carter and seconded by Martin Penny. It was unanimously agreed that subscriptions remain at £10, being proposed by Ted Sharp and seconded by Jack Beeson.

Owing to bank regulations the change of President has to be approved at the Annual General Meeting. This was proposed by Jack Beeson and seconded by Martin Penny. All were in favour.

Election of Officers

Simon Williams resigned as President after four years' service. Terence Atkins stood for election being proposed by Simon Williams and seconded by Colin Wharton. All were in favour.

Michael Hennin (Secretary) and Robin Coxon (Treasurer) stood for re-election being proposed by Lilian Gibbens and seconded by Jack Beeson. All were in favour.

Election of Committee

Terence Atkins retired after his second term. Susan Dingle retired after her first term. Rosemary Knight continues her second term. Lilian Gibbens and Ted Sharp continue their first term. Roger Carter was elected to serve a second term being proposed by Robin Coxon and seconded by Rosemary Knight. Linden Innes-Hopkins and Peter St John Stokes were elected to serve on the committee; they were proposed by Simon Williams and seconded by Terence Atkins. All were in favour.

Election of Independent Examiner

Dorothy Ayre was re-elected Honorary Auditor and thanked for her work, being proposed by Robin Coxon and seconded by Ted Sharp. All were in favour.

Programme of Events

Simon Williams outlined some forthcoming events for 2011. Members were asked to contribute ideas and suggestions for events.

Any Other Business

Keith Mitchell advertised the Free Church Choirs' Festival at St Albans Cathedral on 15 October 2011.

Eric Pask advertised his house organ for sale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.38pm with thanks to the vicar, church wardens and administrator at All Saints', Hertford. Following this an Organ Recital was given by Martin Penny.