

Enfield & District Organists' Association

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held at
St Andrew's, Enfield on
Saturday 21st February 2009 at 5pm.

Present

Michael Hennin (Hon. Secretary). There were 18 members present.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Williams (President), Robin Coxon (Hon. Treasurer), Anne Marsden Thomas, Carol Jarman, Simon Mansell and Andrew Pink.

Minutes of the last AGM

These had been circulated. They were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

President's Report *Read by Colin Wharton.*

I must apologise for not being at the AGM. I had fully intended to 'dep out' the wedding at St George's today until I discovered that an orchestra and some obscure music was required. Preparation for this event has taken some considerable time including organising the type-setting of orchestral parts and I felt that I must be there on the day to see things through. I shall be able to report at the meal following the recital whether or not all went well!

My first and pleasant duty is to thank the committee members for the work they have put in over the past year. Without them very little would go on! As ever Robin as treasurer, keeper of the membership database and newsletter editor, and Michael as secretary and events co-ordinator have contributed hugely to make sure that 'things happen'. I should also like to thank Dr Colin Wharton who retires after two terms and Carol Jarman who has stepped down owing to ill health. I will look forward to keeping in touch with Colin at future EDOA events (indeed one of our autumn events will be an 'At Home' at Colin's house where a large Steinway grand piano and a three-manual organ await us); and to Carol, we send our best wishes for a full recovery from the hearing problems which have been dogging her for quite some time. I must also thank Paul Minchinton for his work on the newsletter and, on your behalf, express our gratitude to those members who have allowed their names to go forward for election to the committee at this AGM – Roger Carter and Susan Dingle.

Since last year's AGM the website has established itself as an essential tool in making EDOA's activities known to the wider world and, through the Members' email function, in sending out reminders about Association events and Members' own concerts and the like. If your email address is not yet registered please pass it on to Robin or Rosemary. Here, it is another pleasant duty to thank Dr Andrew Pink for his tireless and ever-prompt work as webmaster.

Aside from organising events, the Committee has also been working on revising the Constitution. Once a draft is ready we will put it to the Membership for approval at an EGM, probably tacked on to one of our events. We also intend beginning work on outreach work with schools in our 'catchment area' in the autumn.

My final thanks go to the vicar and church wardens of St Andrew's for allowing us to use their facilities tonight and to EDOA Member Linden Innes-Hopkins for agreeing to perform for us. I hope to catch some of her playing and then to seeing many of you at the meal.

Secretary's Report

Michael Hennin reported that eight 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.

Treasurer's Report *Read by Michael Hennin.*

Certified copies of the accounts were distributed.

Although we made a loss of £353 for 2008 our profits from the three previous years totalled £332, so there is no need for immediate panic!

Our income from subscriptions and donations has been close to £800 in each of the last 6 years, but our expenditure varies depending on the number of events and other factors, such as . . .

whether we're paying a non-member for leading an event,
whether we're being charged for using a church or hall.

In 2008 our 8 events cost £777, this was the highest ever and I don't see the 2009 events costing anything like as much, the previous highest was £466 for 6 events in 2006.

One new cost in 2008 was for setting up the website, and there will be a similar annual maintenance cost of about £85.

After reviewing this situation the committee recommend maintaining the current subscription rates of £10 (£5 for those at school/college) for at least another year. All were in favour.

Election of Officers

Simon Williams, Michael Hennin and Robin Coxon were re-elected. All were in favour.

Election of Committee

Rosemary Knight continues her first term of office. Andrew Pink and Terence Atkins were elected for a second term of office. Roger Carter and Susan Dingle were elected. All were in favour.

Honorary Auditor

Dorothy Ayre was re-elected Hon. Auditor and thanked for her work.

Programme of Events

Michael outlined some forthcoming events for 2009. Members were asked to contribute ideas and suggestions for future events.

Any Other Business

Jack Beeson publicised recordings of past choral events.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.41pm and was followed by an organ recital given by Linden Innes-Hopkins.