

NOTICE 176th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONDON LIBRARY

Wednesday 8 November 2017, 6.00 pm, in the Reading Room of The London Library

Members are cordially invited to enjoy a glass of wine before the meeting and to meet Trustees and senior staff in the Issue Hall from 5.30pm

AGENDA

- 1 Approval of the Minutes of the 175th Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2016.
- 2 The adoption of the 2016-2017 Annual Report and Accounts.
- 3 Appointment of Auditors.
- 4 Election of Trustees.
- 5 Confirmation of the appointment of the President and a Vice-President.
- 6 Confirmation of the Trustees' proposals for membership fees, subscriptions and charges.

Appointment of auditors

The Trustees propose the re-appointment of MHA MacIntyre Hudson as the Library's Auditors for the financial year 2017-2018.

Retirement and Election of Trustees

The following Trustees retire at the 2017 Annual General Meeting: Sven Becker, Anthony McGrath and Sophie Murray. In a year in which the organisation would already be recruiting both a new Director and a new President, the Trustees decided not to embark upon new trustee recruitment as well. Two of those retiring are eligible for election to a second (and final) term and are accordingly put forward for re-election. One vacancy will be carried forward to 2018 when the Library's additional needs will be clearer.

ANTHONY MCGRATH

Member since March 2007 and London Library Trustee 2013-2017. Put forward for re-election.

Educated at Worth Abbey School and the University of Surrey (BSc in Mathematics 1971) before spending five years at Deloitte & Co, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1974. Anthony had over twenty years' experience at Baring Brothers (merchant bankers) including more than ten at director level, followed by three years as Global Head of Corporate Finance at Robert Fleming (investment bankers). After retirement he spent seven years (2001-2008) as Treasurer and Trustee of the King's Fund, chairing both the Audit Committee and the Investment Committee with over £100m funds under management. He also undertook further study at the Open University, obtaining a BA in Humanities with Art History in 2003 and an MA in Art History in 2007. He completed a PhD in Art History at Sussex University in 2012. Since becoming a Library Trustee he has served on the Finance Committee (2014-), the Chairmanship Search Committee (2015-2016) and the Membership Committee (2017-).

SOPHIE MURRAY

Member since May 2013 and London Library Trustee 2013-2017. Put forward for re-election.

Educated at St Paul's Girls' School and Exeter College Oxford (BA in English 2000), obtaining scholarships for both institutions. Currently Head of Marketing at Harrods, she has spent the last ten years in brand and business development in the consumer and retail sector for companies as diverse as Anya Hindmarch, Britvic and Bupa. She began her career as a style journalist for *The Telegraph* then co-founded East Beach Café in West Sussex, designed by Thomas Heatherwick CBE. Since becoming a Library Trustee she has served on the Building Project Steering Committee (2014-2016), its successor, the Buildings and Facilities Committee (2017-), the Development Committee (2014-2016) and the Membership Committee (2017-).

Confirmation of the appointment of Vice-Presidents

In accordance with Byelaws 51 and 52, the Trustees have appointed Sir Tim Rice as the Library's President for a term of 5 years subject to confirmation at the AGM, and Alexandra Shulman OBE to the role of Vice-President on the same basis. The President is the Library's primary high-level ambassador, appointed to champion the Library's cause and reputation, to engage new supporters in its purposes and activities, and to play an active part in fundraising. Vice-Presidents are also appointed to be active ambassadors for the Library, to be a sounding board for trustees on the Library's position, profile and fundraising and to act as role models for the breadth and diversity of our membership. Both roles are honorary with no formal involvement in the governance or management of the Library as a registered charity.

Proposed membership fees from 1 January 2018

The Trustees propose to increase the ordinary annual fee by **£1.25 per month** in 2018. This represents an increase of 2.9%, which is broadly in line with expected inflation. Proportionate increases will be applied for the other membership categories and life membership fees will be broadly increased by the same percentage as annual fees.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

		per month
Annual membership	£525	£43.75
Spouse/partner membership <i>for spouses or partners of full annual or life members</i>	£262.50	£21.88
Young persons' membership <i>for all members aged 16-24</i>	£262.50	£21.88
Temporary overseas membership <i>for overseas visitors, 4 months' duration</i>	£262.50	
Extra borrowing allowances Additional 5 volumes	£45	

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Public libraries	£47
Educational/charitable institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i>	£1,050
Additional 5 volumes	£135
Other institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i>	£1,575
Additional 5 volumes	£225
Smaller institutions <i>(Less than 10 staff/members)</i>	£630
Additional 5 volumes	£90

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Age	Fee (£)	Age	Fee (£)
80 and over	£1,500	45 to 49	£15,500
75 to 79	£3,900	40 to 44	£17,200
70 to 74	£5,700	35 to 39	£18,800
65 to 69	£7,700	30 to 34	£20,500
60 to 64	£10,400	25 to 29	£21,900
55 to 59	£12,200	18 to 24	£22,900
50 to 54	£13,900		