

THE INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH
1 Vernon Mews, London, W14 0RL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of **The Incorporated Society for Psychical Research** will be held at 1 Vernon Mews, London, W14 0RL

on Saturday, **27th April 2019** at 5.15 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) To approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th April 2018.
- 2) To receive the Report of the Council and the Annual Statement of Accounts made up to 30th September 2018.
- 3) To elect six members to the Council. The following six Council members are due to retire in rotation and offer themselves for re-election:
Dr R. S. Broughton, BA, PhD; Prof. B. J. Carr, MA, PhD; Dr G. T. B. Kidd, MBBS, MRCPsych; Dr D. N. Rousseau, BSc, PhD; Dr T. H. Ruffles, BSc, BA, MA, PhD, ARPS; Prof. A. D. Parker, MA, PhD

[This item will not require a vote at the meeting, since there are six candidates for six places on the Council. No other nominations having been received by 31st January, all six will be declared as elected without contest.]

Notes on the candidates precede this Agenda.

- 4) To re-appoint PK Audit LLP Chartered Accountants as Reporting Accountants for the period prescribed by the Companies Act 2006.
- 5) To authorise the Council to determine the remuneration of the Reporting Accountants.

6) *[Note: Both of the resolutions presented in this item are intended to bring the governing documents up to date in line with modern day practices, to take account of changes since the documents were originally written.*

The amendments in 6.a) will allow for remote participation at meetings of the Council, which is common practice in the modern world. Including a reference to remote participation will clarify the right of Council to hold meetings in this manner and Council will set down the necessary procedures before implementing any change in the current practice.

The amendments in 6.b) are necessary because the original wording has the effect of subjecting the accounts of the Society to a full audit each year, although the governing bodies - Companies House and the Charity Commission - may not always require it. In most cases today, an Independent Examination by an Accountant is sufficient, dependent on the income and asset levels of the charity during the financial year.]

To consider the following Resolutions as Special Business pursuant to Article 45 of the Articles of Association:

- a) That pursuant to the recommendation of the Council made at the meeting held on 14th March 2019, Article 34 should be amended to read:

“Article 34. The Council shall meet monthly unless otherwise determined. In these articles the expression Council 'meeting' includes, except where inconsistent with any legal obligation, a physical meeting; a video conference, an internet video facility or similar electronic method allowing simultaneous video and audio participation; and telephone conferencing. These arrangements shall also apply to meetings of committees of the Council. An attendance book shall be kept and signed by each member of the Council present. Any Council member participating remotely shall have his or her attendance entered into the attendance book on their behalf by the Secretary or Committee Chairman. At all meetings of the Council four physically present in the room shall be a quorum. All questions shall be decided by vote, and a decision of the majority shall, except where otherwise provided by these Articles, be the decision of the meeting. The President of the Society shall be Chairman of the meetings of the Council. In his absence a Vice-President, who is also a subscribing Member of the Society, shall act as Chairman; and if no such Vice-President is present the meeting shall elect a Chairman from among the members of the Council. The Chairman of any meeting shall have, in addition to his own, a casting vote.”

- b) That pursuant to the recommendation of the Council made at the meeting held on 14th March 2019, the Society's governing documents (Memorandum and Articles of Association) should be amended throughout as follows:
- i) Every instance of the word **Auditor** should be replaced with **Accountant**
 - ii) Every instance of the word **auditor** should be replaced with **accountant**
 - iii) Every instance of the word **Auditors** should be replaced with **Accountants**
 - iv) Every instance of the word **auditors** should be replaced with **accountants**

No other business will be transacted at this meeting.



Peter Johnson *Secretary to the Society*