

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 20th January 2003

Present :	Dr. M. Willis (Chairman)	Prof. G. Chapman
	Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)	Dr. V. Damodoran*
	Dr. F. Orsini (Secretary)	Dr. E. English*
	Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)*	Dr. J. Howes
	Dr. Daud Ali*	Dr. U. Pagel
	Dr. C. Bates*	Dr. A. Topsfield*
	Mr. J Cribb*	
	Ms. R Crill	

(* unable to attend)

In attendance : Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary)

1. **MINUTES** 4/02 were approved and signed.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Afghanistan: Dr. Willis reported that Mr Cribb (BM) has agreed to chair the research group on Afghanistan. Professor N. Sims-Williams (SOAS) had also agreed to join the research group. Researchers interested in Afghanistan, especially in longer term projects, should initially present project proposals to this group which will help bring things into focus and present cases worthy of support to Council. Council expressed its wish that the sub committee should actively find a scholar to publish the remaining Kandahar material which is currently with Mr. Richard Blurton at the British Museum.

3. **NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Elizabeth English and Dr. Ulrich Pagel as new members of Council. Their period of tenure will be for four years (until 31st December 2006)

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 1/03)

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report for the period ending on 20th January 2003. Dr. Chakrabarti had returned £1,600 of his grant as he had been unable to carry out his fieldwork due to illness. A total of £83,051 has been spent to date leaving approximately £17, 649 available for research and travel grants.

5. **JOURNAL**

There have been a number of delays with the printing of volume 18. It had been hoped that the journal would be ready for dispatch on January 10th, but unfortunately Professor Hardy has still not received the volumes.

6. **REPORT BY THE STRATEGIC REVIEW WORKING PARTY**(Paper 2/03)

Council finalised the wording of the advertisement for the new Language Training and Research Grants. These grants will be available to graduates and postgraduates, normally resident in the UK, who wish to undertake programmes of fieldwork and language training in South Asia. It is hoped that the grants will help recipients to acquire or improve existing language skills. The notice will be posted on the web site and will be circulated with the information on the existing grant schemes.

Dr. Howes reported that she has prepared some of the text for the web site and that extracts from volume 17 of the Journal are ready to be posted onto the site.

7. **SUBVENTION BID BY FRANCES MORTIMER RICE** (Paper 3/03)
Council agreed that as a scholarly society the Society for South Asian Studies' role was to fund original research and the publication of that research. Members felt strongly that Society policy did not allow the funding of re-prints. The Asst. Secretary was instructed to write to the author informing her of their decision.
8. **LETTER FROM DR. JULIA LESLIE** (Paper 4/03)
Council noted the letter and requested the Asst. Secretary to reply to Dr. Leslie informing her that no action would be taken concerning re-payment of the grant.
9. **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 5/03)
Dr. Hans Bakker was elected as a full member of the Society.
10. **REPORT BY DR. LEE** (Paper 6/03)
The report by Dr. Lee on his recent fieldwork in Afghanistan was noted. The Chairman reported that Dr. Lee had been invited to join the research group on Afghanistan and that he had intimated his willingness to do so. Council instructed the Asst. Secretary to contact Dr. Lee on this matter urging him to arrange a meeting with Mr Cribb (BM) before he departs for Kabul in February.
11. **AOB**
Dr. Orsini agreed to complete the forms concerning the Research Assessment Exercise which had been sent from the British Academy .
Council agreed that the minutes of all meetings should be posted on the web site for the benefit of members.
12. **NEXT MEETING**
Monday 19th May at SOAS

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Meeting of the Council held on Monday 19th May 2003

Present :

Dr. M. Willis (Chairman)	Prof. G. Chapman
Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)	Dr. V. Damodoran
Dr. F. Orsini (Secretary)	Dr. E. English*
Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)*	Dr. J. Howes
Dr. Daud Ali	Dr. U. Pagel
Dr. C. Bates	Dr. A. Topsfield*
Mr. J Cribb	
Ms. R Crill*	

(* Unable to attend)

In attendance: Ms Annie Howell (Assistant Secretary), Mrs. Brenda McGregor

13. **MINUTES** 1/03 were approved and signed.

14. **MATTERS ARISING**

Journal: Volume 18 of the Journal has now been dispatched to all members.

Web site: Dr. Howes reported that all the work commissioned for the web site has been carried out. All the grant application forms can now be downloaded and extracts from volume 17 of the Journal have been posted onto the site.

15. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Paper 7/03)

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial report for the period ending on 31st March 2003 together. Expenditure has been relatively high this year to cover the costs of the two new Research Fellows plus other existing commitments.

16. **BUDGET 2003/04** (Paper 16/03)

The Hon. Treasurer presented the budget figures for the fiscal year 2003/04. An overspend of approximately £17,500 is predicted for the coming year which will reduce the reserves to £53,500. Members of Council asked the Treasurer to produce a flow chart of project expenditure.

17. **GRANT IN AID 2003/4**
The British Academy has confirmed that its grant to the society for 2003/06 will be £75,000.
18. **BID TO BASIS FOR FUNDING NEW INITIATIVES** (Paper 14/03)
The application to BASIS for funding for the Masson project was unsuccessful. It was agreed that research projects demonstrating new initiatives in South Asia were needed if the Society is to attract extra funding.
19. **CORPORATE PLAN**
The triennial review of the corporate plan is scheduled to take place during the summer. Dr. Orsini will circulate copies of the current plan to members of Council.
20. **NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY** (Paper 8/03)
Mrs. Brenda McGregor was appointed as the new Assistant Secretary. She will be paid at a rate of £12 per hour up to a maximum of 500 hours per year. Council agreed that Mrs. McGregor would have an initial probationary period of three months after which the Chairman and Secretary will report back to Council. If it is then deemed necessary she will be asked to complete a further probationary period of three months. Council agreed that she should also be asked to undertake a course in web site management and design.
The proposal that a room at the Royal Asiatic Society should be rented to provide office space at a rate of £2,000 per annum was agreed.
21. **LETTERS FROM ANDREW WYATT AND MAGNUS MARSDEN** (Paper 9/03)
Council noted the letter from Dr. Wyatt and requested the Asst. Secretary to reply to him stating that they had no objections to him delaying his fieldwork until the summer. Council approved the payment of Dr. Marsden's grant of £3,000 following the outcome of his other grant applications.
22. **NIM' AT NAMA MONOGRAPH** (Paper 10/03)
Council adopted the manuscript as a Society monograph in principle, but this will be dependent upon the costings from Routledge.
23. **SUBVENTION BIDS**
a) Dr. Bashibir Fraser (Paper 11/03)
Council awarded a subvention of £1,000 to Dr. Fraser to cover the translation costs for her book 'Partition Stories of Bengal: the Untold Story'
b) Sheila Middleton (Paper 12/03)
Council instructed the Assistant Secretary to write to Mrs. Middleton requesting clarification of her figures, and further details on costings, size of print run and the price of the book.
C) Dr. Christopher Pinney (Paper 13/03)
Council instructed the Assistant Secretary to write to Dr. Pinney requesting clarification on the size of print run and the proposed price of the book.
24. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**
Council awarded the following grants: -

Aided Projects

i. Dr. Anaway Kabir - Council awarded a Travel Grant of £600 to initiate a study of the artistic responses to the Kashmir conflict. Dr Kabir will be asked to report to Council after the initial period of fieldwork so that a review of the proposed project can take place. Following this review Council will re-consider adopting the project as a jointly funded Aided Project.

Small Personal Research Grants

- i. Dr. Nicole Boivin - £1,406 to carry out a geoarchaeological investigation of the Kurnool cave complex.
- ii. Dr. Nayanika Mookherjee - £1,580 to study the genealogies of war babies in Bangladesh
- iii. Dr. Julia Shaw - £1,500 to study the archaeological settings of Buddhist monasteries in ancient India.
- iv. Dr. Richard Whitecross - £1,500 to study popular understanding of constitutional change in Bhutan

Travel Grants

i. Dr. Nile Green - £500 to conduct a survey of Sufi shrines in Aurungabad.

Language Training Grants

- i. Talet Ahmed - £1,230 to study Hindi and Urdu in Delhi
- ii. Emma Flatt - £2,000 to learn Persian in Delhi
- iii. Justin Jones - £2,000 to study Urdu in Delhi and Lucknow
- iv. Georgios Halkios - £2,000 to undertake intensive language training in Tibetan in Darjeeling
- v. Orlanda Ruthven - £1,425 to study Hindi in Lucknow and Moradabad

Conference Grants

- i. Dr. Lalita du Perron - £500 to support the conference 'Food and Emotion in South Asian Literature'
- ii. Prof. Roger Jeffery - £600 to support the South Asian Anthropologists' Group conference 'Kinship in the New Economy'.
- iii. Dr. Charles Ramble - up to £1,000 to meet the costs of an air fare for a speaker travelling from Tibet to participate in the Tenth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies. The name of the speaker must be presented to Council at the next meeting.

25. NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

There will also be three vacancies on Council next year as Dr. Ali, Mr. Cribb and Dr. Crill will have completed their four year terms. The Chairman asked members of Council to e-mail the names of prospective nominees to the Hon. Secretary.

26. ANNUAL LECTURE

Dr. Orsini confirmed that Professor. Sheldon Pollock, Professor of Sanskrit, University of Chicago will speak on 'Indian Knowledge Systems'.

27. **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (Paper 15/03)

The following were elected as members of the Society:

Full Members

Dr. Mary Thornton, Dr. Doris Srinivasan, Mahendra K. Verma, Dr. Nicholas Magriel,
Dr. Michael Petraglia and Dr. Soumhya Venkatesan

Student Members

Emma Harvey, David Campion and Kirrily de Polnay

Associate Members

Dr. Richard Whitecross

28. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 30th June at SOAS

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Extra Meeting of the Council held on Monday 30th June 2003

Members of Council present:

Dr. M. Willis (Chairman)	Prof. G. Chapman
Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)	Dr. V. Damodoran*
Dr. F. Orsini (Hon. Secretary)	Dr. E. English*
Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)*	Dr. J. Howes
Dr. Daud Ali	Dr. U. Pagel*
Dr. C. Bates*	Dr. A. Topsfield*
Mr. J. Cribb	
Ms. R. Crill	

(*Unable to attend)

In attendance: Mrs. Brenda McGregor(Assistant Secretary)

MINUTES

1. **MINUTES** 2/03 were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The British Library has scanned Nora Titley's manuscript '*Nim'At Nama: The Sultan's Book of Delight*' in February. A publication by Routledge will follow shortly, contributing to another monograph for the Society.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society for 2003/2004 which were approved and pointed out that the reserves could be run down to the agreed minimum level of £ 25,000;
- Council agreed to seek an addition to the annual budget in the region of £9,000 in order to maintain current activities to be paid after 2004.

4. CORPORATE PLAN

- The Chairman will update the corporate plan. Council agreed to modify the content under the heading d)'Enabling Activities' into: 'providing fellowships and research awards for language training & fieldwork research by suitably qualified scholars and individuals'. The content under the heading 'Society Projects' will be modified into: 'The Society recognises this as a gap and will seek to encourage projects in these areas through language & small research grants';
- Council proposed a meeting with BASAS to explore possible linkage. The Treasurer will invite the 2 chairmen and will get back to the issue at the next meeting;
- Council instructed the Honorary Secretary to write to Dr. Guha and ask her to submit a revised research plan in the light of her letter. The Honorary Secretary will also write to Dr. Boast seeking information regarding his continuing involvement in the research project on Mortimer Wheeler.
- Dr. Vitali has requested £ 3,000 for her film project. The Council asked the Honorary Secretary to write to Dr. Vitali regarding the date by which she requests funding for the first tranche of her project.
- Council approved the Kashika Project in principle and agreed to pay £3,050.00 to cover field-work in the first year. Pending a satisfactory report Council agreed to pay £2,200.00 the second year. Council declined to pay for computers. The Assistant Secretary will write to Dr. Pascal for clarification regarding the other items on the budget;
- The language grants should be re-assessed annually. Individual reports should be presented upon completion;
- Council agreed in principle to support the Conference Grant of £ 5,000 for Dorian Fuller in July 2005. The Assistant Secretary will request a re-submission of the application.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL 2004:

The following eight names were proposed. The four names with an asterisk were approved:

Prof. C.A. Bayly*
Dr. John Guy
Dr. Richard Fynes
Dr. Javed Majeed*
Dr. Divia Patel (V&A)
Dr. Susan Stronge (V&A)*

Dr. Deborah Sutton (Lancaster)
Dr. Emma Mawdsley (Birbeck)*

The Hon. Secretary is going to approach the selected candidates.

6. SUBVENTION BID: C. PINNEY'S BOOK 'PHOTOS OF THE GODS'

The Council regards the project as viable but undeserving of its financial support. The Assistant Secretary will send a rejection letter.

7. BOOKS IN KABUL

The Council agreed with the starting of the library.

8. LETTER FROM DR. GUHA AND MRS. MIDDLETON

Council awarded Mrs Middleton £ 520.00
The letter from Dr. Guha was discussed under topic 4.

9. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

No new members

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The BA invited ideas about a forthcoming IT meeting and voluntary candidates. The Assistant Secretary will attend;
- The Chairman would like to evaluate the collaborative funding of academic posts at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on September 22nd, 2003

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Council meeting of the Society held on Monday 22 September 2003 at SOAS

Members of Council present:

Prof. M. Willis (Chairman)	Prof. G. Chapman*
Mr. D. Waterhouse (Treasurer)	Dr. V. Damodoran*
Dr. F. Orsini (Hon. Secretary)	Dr. J. Howes
Dr. Adam Hardy (Editor)*	Dr. U. Pagel
Dr. Daud Ali	Dr. A. Topsfield
Dr. C. Bates*	
Mr. J. Cribb*	
Ms. R. Crill*	

(*Unable to attend)

In attendance : Mrs. Brenda McGregor (Assistant Secretary)

MINUTES

1. MINUTES 3/03 were approved and signed, after the Chairman made some minor corrections.

2. MATTERS ARISING

No items.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Council approved the treasurer's report 2004/05 which will be included in the bid to the British Academy.

Council also approved last year's accounts 2002/03, which were ratified by three members to be included in the Annual Report. The Chairman thanked the treasurer and the new auditor.

4. BRITISH ACADEMY BID:

The Bid is ready to be submitted However due to changes in the rules and regulations re. 'unpublished fieldwork' Council decided to appoint a fellow Mr. Akira Shimada to fulfill the requirement by the British Academy to deal with all unfinished projects such as the Kandahar excavation. Council agreed to reserve £ 4,000 for a full assessment, for a period of 2 months,

no later than next year July and August. The Chairman proposed to deposit all the material re. Kandahar at the RAS. The chairman will modify the bid to accommodate the above.

Re. the unfinished excavation at Lewan in Pakistan under the guidance of Justin Morris, which was accepted as a society project in 2001, Council decided to require quarterly reports from December 2003.

Council agreed to terminate the post-doc scheme.

5. MONOGRPAHS:

Council agreed to contribute £ 3.870 for the publication of *Nim'at Nama*. The Treasurer will write a cheque.

Council agreed to some minor changes in the rules and regulations of the Society re. rule 16. 'Editor' has to be changed to 'editors'. Council agreed to accept the post of 'Journal Editor' and 'Monograph Editor' which will require the official approval of the AGM in November in concordance with the Society's rules and regulations.

6. GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Council awarded the following applicants:

Conference Grants:

Dr. K. Adeney	£1,000
Dr. Imre Bangha	£1,500
Dr. Kunal Sen	£1,000

Small Personal Research Grants:

Dr. Crispin Branfoot	£1,000
Dr. Madhuvanti Ghose	£1,900
Dr. Lloyd-Smith	£1,000
Dr. Sumi Madhok	£1,000
Ms. Andrea Major	£1,200

Travel Grants:

Ms. Rachel Basan	£ 500
Dr. R. Chalmers	£1,400
Dr. L. Welamelage	£ 500

Society aided-project:

Dr. J. Stargardt	£1,425
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Dr. Stargardt's project is contingent on the Society's future financial situation and satisfactory reporting. Council accepted the project for 2003/4. The Assistant Secretary will send a letter requesting clarification for the successive years.

The decision re. the grant application of Dr. Helen Lewis for £700 is pending. Council delegated the decision to the Chairman and Assistant Secretary in anticipation of the references.

Council decided not to fund the applications of Dr. Palmer-Jones and Dr. Petraglia.

7. AGM – ANNUAL REPORT

The Council delegated the responsibility of the Annual Report to the Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

8. ELECTION NEW MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL 2004

The Honorary Secretary has approached four new members to serve on the Council. Dr. Susan Strong and Dr. Javed Majeed have accepted. Dr. Richard Fines and Dr. Emma Mawdsley still have to respond. The Chairman and Assistant Secretary will send a letter to all council members regarding the election of these new members at the AGM in November.

9. NEW SSAS MEMBERS

Council approved the new members with the addition of four members who were not on the list Dr. Lalith Welamelage, Dr. K. Adeney, Dr. Madhuvanti Gosh and Dr. M. Smith.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Dr. Guha handed in a revised research plan however failed to include her budget. Council decided to ask for a statement of the budget before releasing funds. The Honorary Secretary will write to her. Dr. Boost has returned £1000;
- Dr. N. Mookherjee resigned. Council will continue to support the research element of her project, probably in the form of a travel grant. Council will decide at the next meeting whether her project will be adopted as a society-aided project;
- The Indian Art Circle has given the Society a cheque for £200 to assist with the administration;
- Council accepted that the annual dinner will be held at Simpsons on the Strand. The Treasurer was willing to give his place to Annie Howell for all her selfless help and contribution to the Society;
- Council approved the expenditure for the AGM at the British Academy, including the IT charges re. Prof. Pollock's lecture.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting at the British Academy on 17 November 2003.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

Council meeting of the Society held on Monday 17th November 2003
at the British Academy

Members of Council present:

Prof. M. Willis (Chairman)
Mr. D. Waterhouse (Treasurer)
Dr. U. Pagel (Hon. Secretary)
Dr. Adam Hardy (Editor)
Dr. C. Bates
Prof. G. Chapman
Ms. R. Crill
Dr. V. Damodoran

In attendance : Mrs. Brenda McGregor (Assistant Secretary)

MINUTES

1. MINUTES 04/03 were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

The award for Dr. Helen Lewis was pending but after the receipt of satisfactory references Council awarded her £ 700.

Council will continue to support N. Mookherjee's research which could become a project-aided grant with support of £1200 – 1300/year. She submitted a project proposal and Council thought it was fair to compare this proposal to others during the grant-giving round in the spring.

Council decided that Dr. S. Guha has to hand in receipts first before the allocation of other funds, but agreed to pay £ 1000 pending the submission of a proposal.

Council sanctioned the transfer of institutions in the case of Georgios Halkias and awarded him with £2000 for a language grant.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer gave a brief report on the Society's commitments and the available budget of £ 111,058 for the beginning of 2004. Council confirmed its decision to reserve £5,000 for the conference of the European Association of South Asian Archaeologists in 2005. The treasurer's report was accepted by Council.

4. AHRB POLICY AND SOCIETY:

AHRB's policy towards funding has changed and will be demand-driven, resulting in five subject areas for ring-fencing. South Asia as a geographical area was left out and Council proposed to unite forces with other South Asia focused organization and find common ground. Council proposed to establish a working party to consider if the Society could develop a policy vis-à-vis the collections/archives which would strengthen South Asian Studies in the UK.

5. BASIS MEETING:

The chairman gave a verbal report on the proceedings of the meeting of BASIS on the 5th of November. Council discussed BA's recent strategy review regarding its priorities and procedures, which resulted in dramatic changes in the BA's funding structure. Funding from the government to the BA is divided into the categories 'research' and 'British schools overseas.' Since the BA felt that this division was unsatisfactory it replaced the categories with two new categories: 'schools with buildings' and 'schools without buildings, resulting in different funding formulas. Organisations now have to indicate core activities and institutes and societies without buildings, our Society, will have to compete for one pot of money. It is opening up a scenario where viable projects have more chance to receive funding. However ring-fenced research is being dismantled. The Society will have to decide what will constitute its core activities and what its research activities: Language grants and the publishing of the journal could constitute core activities. Council decided that the Society is to take a more proactive role and to expand its core activities. The Chairman will take up the case and send a letter to the current president of the BA. The chairman will explain that the Society has implemented the recommendations of the '94 Wilson report and instituted those changes in the Society's Corporate Plan, which was approved by the BA. The Society is willing to make further adjustments, but considering its modest funding, wants to stress that it is playing a central role in South Asian studies. Council decided there should be a stronger and more-coordinated voice towards Asian Studies as a whole. Findings will be reported back at the next council meeting in February. Council also decided to work with appropriate groups for South Asian Studies as noted in 4.

6. CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATION

Council agreed to award GBP 200 to enable four graduate- students to attend BASAS' annual conference.

7. TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION PROF. B. MAHER

Council decided not to award a travel grant for Professor Graham Chapman, despite strong support from Professor Maher, since this would compromise the position of the Society towards the Charity Commission: the trustees of the charity cannot receive awards. Council wants to be cautious in this matter. Council recognized the application was a very worthy case and advised to look for funding elsewhere.

8. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Council approved the election of the following new members:

STUDENT MEMBER:

Ms. Rachel Basan, Sussex University

FULL MEMBERS:

Mr. Justin Jones, Bristol University

Mr. Duncan McLeod, Bristol University

Ms. Emma Ronald, PRASADA

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

RESIGNATION DR. ANDREW TOPSFIELD:

Dr. Andrew Topsfield resigned from the Council before the expiry of his term due to sabbatical leave and his busy schedule in 2004.

Professor Graham Chapman proposed to discuss and brainstorm the option of creating a better British South Asian Studies presence by getting SSAS and BASAS closer together. This could be in the form of a common subscription policy to create one membership list or in the creation of a joint-directory. This would not signify a formal merger merely a bundling of forces. Council decided that a closer alignment would be a positive development. Council agreed to get the ball rolling.

ANNUAL LECTURE 2004:

Prof. Verardi will give a lecture at the AGM in 2004. The secretary will accept suggestions for a speaker in 2005.

DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2004:

Monday 23 February, 3:30 p.m. SOAS

Monday 26 April, 1:30 p.m. SOAS

Monday 28 June, 3:30 p.m. SOAS

Monday 27 September, time t.b.a., SOAS

Monday 22 November, AGM, time t.b.a., RAS

The chairman thanks Dr. Rosemary Crill for her contribution and dedication to the Society.

There is a request from a member of the Society to pay 5 years in advance. The Council has no problem with this.

There are still e-mail addresses available under the society's web-address. Council proposed to set up donations@societyforsouthasianstudies.org

Madhuvanti Ghose requested to receive the cheque which was awarded to Imre Bangha for the Stein Conference in March in order to pay for airline tickets for some of the guest speakers from India. However the award was given to Dr. Bangha and cannot be handed over to somebody else. Council could not approve the request.

The next meeting will be at SOAS on 23rd February 2004 at 3:30 p.m.

THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 17th November 2003 at the
British Academy

Members of Council present:

Prof. M. Willis (Chairman)
Mr. David Waterhouse (Treasurer)
Dr. U. Pagel (Secretary)
Dr. A. Hardy (Editor)
Dr. D. Ali
Dr. Crispin Bates
Prof. G. Chapman
Ms. R. Crill
Dr. V. Damodoran

In attendance: Mrs Brenda McGregor (Assistant Secretary)
20 members of the Society.

MINUTES

1. Minutes 5/02 of the A.G.M of the Society held on 26th November 2002 at the British Academy were approved and signed.
2. The Chairman presented the report of Council for 2002/2003.
3. The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society for 2002/2003 which were approved. Mr. Peter M. Duffell, FCA, CTA was re-appointed auditor for 2003/04.
4. The following were elected Officers for 2004:

Chairman: Prof. Michael Willis
Treasurer: Mr. David Waterhouse
Secretary: Dr. Ulrich Pagel
Editor: Dr. Adam Hardy
5. The following were elected new Ordinary Members of Council from January 2004:-

Dr. Shailendra Bhandare
Dr. Javed Majeed
Dr. Emma Mawdsley
Ms. Susan Stronge

6. Professor Sheldon Pollock gave a lecture entitled 'Indian Knowledge Systems.'