

THE ANGLLO-CATALAN SOCIETY

Minutes of the XX Annual General Meeting
held in the Gallery, Westfield College, London
9th November, 1974.

The President, Mr. R.D.F. Pring-Mill, took the chair at 4.15 p.m.

A minutes' silence was observed in memory of Pere Bosch Gimpera and Carlos Claveria.

Mr. Pring-Mill expressed the meeting's good wishes to Mrs. Helen Grant who was prevented by illness from attending.

1. Minutes of the XIX A.G.M. These minutes, previously circulated, were approved.

2. Matters arising

There was some doubt about details of the award of the Society's Prize at the 1972 Jocs Florals. Dr. Batista i Roca suggested that the Committee should keep a complete and up-to-date record of the award, perhaps with a view to publishing the collection of prize-winning translations. The Secretary thought that the Society's records were not complete enough to allow this, but he would make an effort to fill in the gaps.

Professor Pierce asked the meeting to reconsider the decision to postpone celebration until the Society's 25th anniversary. It was unanimously agreed that the Committee should try to arrange a special 21st Annual Conference for 1975, possibly in late September or early December, so that the meeting could be residential. It was felt that time would not permit preparation of a commemorative publication, and that there were not sufficient funds to award a special prize. Concrete proposals for the 21st anniversary celebrations should be addressed to the Hon. Sec.

3. President's Report

The Society's prize at the 1973 Jocs Florals had been awarded to Dr. J. Llauradó for his translation of poems by Louis MacNiece.

The Society's Scholarship for 1973-4 had been awarded to Sr. J. Valls i Droguet of Barcelona who had presented a satisfactory account of his project on La literatura infantil anglesa actual.

After Mr. Pring-Mill had extended a special welcome to the Society's guest, Professor Pere Grases from Venezuela, Sr. Vilanova proposed that invitations to the Society's 21st birthday celebrations should go to Catalan centres in South America. The Secretary agreed to keep this in mind.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary read a reply from the widow of Pau Casals to the Society's letter of condolence.

Although no announcement had been made, two enquiries and one full application had been received for the Society's 1974-5 Scholarship. The Secretary wondered whether, in view of this, last year's decision to make the award biennial should not be reversed.

Dr. Yates announced that copies of Dr. Llauradó's prize-winning translation were available for inspection by members.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Secretary presented Professor Russell-Gebbett's apologies for absence and a brief summary of the state of the Society's bank account. There was a balance of approximately £100 at November 8th 1974.

Dr. Walker argued that a serious fund-raising effort was called for, in order to expand the Society's activities, and he proposed the establishment of a new category of membership, the Soci Protector. It was agreed that this question, involving as it does a constitutional amendment, should be included in the business for the 21st A.G.M.

The President accepted with regret Professor Russell-Gebbett's resignation as Treasurer and proposed a vote of thanks, for his long and dedicated service, which was enthusiastically carried.

6. Election of officers

The Committee's nomination for Treasurer, Dr. G.J. Walker, was carried by acclaim, as was the Secretary's proposal that Professor Russell-Gebbett should be elected to the Committee.

Dr. Cardwell was proposed by Professor Pierce and seconded by Sr. Bori for the other vacancy on the Committee.

The officers for 1974-5 are therefore:

President:	Mr. R.D.F. Pring-Mill
Secretary:	Dr. A. Yates
Treasurer:	Dr. G.J. Walker
Committee:	Sr. Joan Gili (ex officio) Sr. J.Ll. Marfany Professor R.B. Tate Sr. A. Hauf Professor P. Russell-Gebbett Dr. R. Cardwell

7. Members' Business

It was agreed that the decision of the XIX A.G.M. to make the Scholarship a biennial award should stand. Any applications received for 1974-5 should be carried over to 1975-6.

Sr. Gili proposed that the amount of the Society's prize at the Jocs Florals should be raised to £25 and this was carried Nem.con.

Dr. Batista i Roca drew the attention of the meeting to two recent publications of interest: Vol.I of Catalunya sota el règim franquista (Edicions catalanes de París) and J. Rossinyol, Le problème national catalan (Mouton).

Sr. Vilanova proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 5.25 p.m.