

THE ANGLO-CATALAN SOCIETY

Minutes of the XIX Annual General Meeting  
held in the Gallery, Westfield College, London,  
on 10th November, 1973

The President, Sr. Joan Gili, took the chair at 3.30 p.m.

1. Minutes of the XVIII A.G.M.

The minutes of the XVIII Annual General Meeting, previously circulated, were approved.

2. President's Report.

Sr. Gili spoke of the sad loss caused by the death of Sr. J. Alcoverro, and expressed the Society's sincere condolences to Sra. Alcoverro and family. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Sr. Alcoverro and Pau Casals.

The President referred briefly to the successful Colloquium of the AILLC, held at Cambridge in the previous April, recalling the Society's active participation and representation at this event.

The Society's prize would again be offered at the 1973 Jocs Florals. The award for 1972 had apparently been made, but the Society had not yet received any notification or request for the amount of the prize.

3. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary thanked Sr. Gili for his generosity in meeting the printing costs of the booklet containing the titles of papers read to the Society from 1954 to 1973, published to commemorate the 1973 Colloquium. A number of enquiries about the Society and its activities had been received, some of them as a result of the publicity created by the circulation of the booklet.

Three applications for the Society's Scholarship had been received, but the Committee were unable to recommend any award for 1973-4.

Application forms for membership of AILLC are available from the Secretary.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Presenting the accounts for 1972-3, the Treasurer reported a balance of £109.49 before the XIX Conference. With no scholarship award this year, he estimated that a balance of some £160 would be carried over the 1973-4.

5. Election of Officers.

At the completion of Sr. Gili's term of office, the Committee's nomination for President, Mr. R.D.F. Pring-Mill, was carried by acclamation. The new President took the chair at 3.50 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were re-elected to serve for a further year.

Three vacancies on the Committee were filled as follows:

Sr. A. Hauf - proposed by Sr. Vilanova and seconded by Professor Tate.

Sr. J.-Ll. Marfany - proposed by Professor Pierce and seconded by the Treasurer.

Professor R.B. Tate - proposed by Mr. Cardwell and seconded by the President.

The officers for 1973-4 are therefore:

President	Mr. R.D.F. Pring-Mill
Secretary	Dr. A. Yates
Treasurer	Professor P. Russell-Gebbett
Committee	Sr. J. Gili ( <u>ex officio</u> )
	Sr. J.-Ll. Marfany
	Dr. G. Cheyne
	Professor F. Pierce
	Professor R.B. Tate
	Sr. A. Hauf

6. Members' Business.

- i. In the name of all the members, Professor Pierce expressed warm thanks to the retiring President for his contribution to the life of the Society since its institution and particularly during his term of office. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.
- ii. Sr. Vilanova expressed appreciation of the work of the British Committee, in organizing the AILLC Colloquium. Dr. Walker, in reply, mentioned the gratitude of AILLC for the Society's £100 donation.
- iii. Sr. Vilanova asked that individual members should consider writing letters of protest to the press and the Spanish Embassy concerning the arrest of members of the Assembla Catalana. It was agreed that, as on previous occasions, this was a matter for individual members.
- iv. Sr. Bori communicated to the meeting an expression of sympathy from Sr. Terradelles on the death of Sr. Alcoverro. Suggestions from Professor Tate and Dr. Walker, that the Society should send formal messages of condolence to the widows of Sr. Alcoverro and Pau Casals, were approved.
- v. The meeting was generally favourable to a suggestion from Dr. Walker that future Conferences might revert to the practice of having mixed programmes of medieval and modern topics. The Secretary agreed to bear this in mind when making arrangements for the XX Conference.
- vi. Some discussion was provoked by Dr. Walker's proposal that the amount of the Society's scholarship be increased to meet rising costs. Following the Treasurer's comments, it was agreed to implement an immediate increase of 50p in the annual subscription, and to make an increased award of £100 in 1974, to be followed thereafter by a biennial award of £150. The situation will be kept under review.
- vii. Dr. Batista i Roca wondered whether some special arrangements should be made to mark the Society's 20th year. The feeling of the meeting, however, was that the 25th anniversary would be a more appropriate occasion for celebration. The Committee felt that the Society's records were not complete enough to allow action to be taken on Dr. Batista's suggestion that details should be published of past awards of the Society's prize at the Jocs Florals and of the scholarship.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 4.35 p.m.