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THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number: 254021

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2025

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The Aristotelian Society
Executive Committee's Annual Report
For the year ended 31st December 2025

The Executive Committee present their report along with the accounts for the Society for the year ended 31st December 2025. The accounts comply with the Society's rules and applicable law.

Legal and Administrative Information
The Aristotelian Society for the systematic study of philosophy, based at Room 280, Stewart House, 32 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DN, is a registered charity (No. 254021) and is governed by a set of rules dated 1984. The Society was originally founded in 1880.

The officers of the Society are as follows:

Honorary Director	Dr Michael Hannon
President	Professor Lucy O'Brien
Editor	Jessica Leech

Aims and Organisation
The object of the Society is the advancement of public education in the field of philosophy and the publication of its proceedings to this end. The Society is staffed by a part time administrator, editors, web editor and editorial assistant.

The ordinary business of the Society is managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and the following elected members during the year to 31st December 2025 and up to the date of this report:

Dr Michael Hannon
Dr Fabienne Peter
Dr Jessica Leech
Dr Sarah Fine
Dr John Callanan
Dr Aidan McGlynn
Dr Lucy O'Brien
Dr Giulia Felappi
Dr Fiona Leigh
Dr Mona Simion

The trustees of the Charity are the officers of the Society and the elected members of the Executive Committee.

Review of Progress
The Society continued to meet fortnightly during the academic year to hear papers on philosophical matters. Papers were published prior to the meetings on the Society's website. The Proceedings were published in three online issues during the year as well as in hardback and the Supplementary Volume was also published online and in hardback.

The annual Joint Session with the Mind Association was held at the University of Glasgow and there were 272 delegates (2024:177). The Society's direct costs were £34,886 (2024: £43,451). The local organiser made a profit of £14,564 (2024: £713.50).

Overall subscriptions to the publications were 218 at the end of 2025 (2024: 178). There were 20 new subscriptions in the category of Lifetime membership (no publications) (2024: 13), which brings the total number of individual members in this category to 619 (2024: 599)- these are exclusive of institutional subscriptions, which are handled by OUP. Lastly, there were 321 other general subscriptions (no publications) (2024: 215).

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Review of Financial Position

Membership income has increased from £7,725 in 2024 to £8,233 in 2025. The Society received income from Oxford University Press (OUP) (the publisher of the Proceedings and Supplementary Volume) of £93,397 (2024: £99,399). There was a net income over expenditure for the year of £25,643 (2024: £25,107) leaving cash (current and deposit accounts) balances of £284,260 at 31st December 2025 (2024: £259,683). The net assets of the Society have increased to £400,342 (2024: £382,425), including cash held on longer term deposits.

Publication of Proceedings and Joint Session talks and income from JSTOR remain the Society's main income stream. Bursary expenditure remains the same it has been since 2022.

Statement of Executive Committee's Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Executive Committee to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year which comply with the regulations made under the Act.

The Executive Committee are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and contain entries showing from day to day all monies received and monies expended by the charity and the matters in respect of which those transactions took place and also contain a record of the assets and liabilities of the charity. The law also sets out the Executive Committees' responsibilities for the preparation and content of the Executive Committees' Annual Report.
The Executive Committee are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and ensuring their proper application under charity law and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Executive Committee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, including its guidance (PB2) "Public Benefit: Running a Charity", when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Aristotelian Society continues to be very proud of its placement in the voluntary sector, the impact it continues to have, and the benefit it believes it is able to present to the general public.

The object of the Society is the advancement of public education in the field of philosophy and the publication of its proceedings to this end. Through affordable subscription rates, free podcasts of talks, social media engagement, and a programme which covers a broad range of philosophical traditions, the Society continues to make philosophy widely available to the general public. The Society also co-organises the Joint Session with the Mind Association - the largest gathering of philosophers in the UK - and also provides grants to philosophy conferences all across the UK.

Reserves Policy

The Society has payments of approximately £100,000 per year and has approximately £200,000 in reserves. The Society aims to have in reserves approximately two years of payments.

Reasons for Policy

The Society has for many years aimed to have significant reserves. This is for three main reasons:

1. The income of the society comes very largely from one source: the receipts from Oxford University Press for the Proceedings and Supplementary Volume. The Society has little control over the extent of that income, and it could in theory dry up very quickly.

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Reserves Policy continued

2. The commitments of the Society are fixed and stretch two to three years into the future. It is, for example, already committed to producing the material for publication in the Proceedings and Supplementary Volume of the Society for two years, and committed to a Joint Session for July next year. Should the income dry up the Society would need, as far as possible, to be able to meet the commitments it has made and wind down its affairs in an orderly fashion.

The Society needs easily accessible reserves, beyond those of running costs for a short period because the responsibility of the Joint Session means that it faces, annually, the risk of having to make large 'rescue payments'. This can occur, if, for example, the accommodation arrangements fall through, the local organiser drops out and an organiser has to be bought in on a market salary, or if the local organiser makes a serious mistake on the budget.

3. Given the fixed nature and extent of its income, the Society is able to consider new worthwhile initiatives, such as switching to on-line publication of Proceedings, only if it is able to insulate itself against risk. Having significant reserves enables it to do this.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP and the provisions of the trust deeds. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf

Signed by:
Michael Hannon
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Date: 28/10/2026

Dr Michael Hannon
Honorary Director

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Aristotelian Society For the year ended 31st December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Aristotelian Society for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DocuSigned by:
Karen Wardell
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Karen Wardell
Partner, Moore Kingston Smith LLP
For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Chartered Accountants

Date: 28/10/2026

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The Aristotelian Society
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31st December 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions		8,233		7,725
Receipts from publications				
JSTOR	13,641		13,921	
Joint session receipts	-		4,115	
OUP's sales of journals	93,397		99,399	
Net VAT movements	16,805		17,964	
Miscellaneous Income	277		-	
		124,120		135,400
Investment Income				
Interest income and sale of investments		1,241		1,207
		133,594		144,331
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Conference grants	930		7,313	
Podcast expenses	42		-	
Direct expenses	340		24	
Joint session expenses	5,820		4,863	
General Expenses	-		713	
Net salaries and editors' fees	31,528		33,406	
Presidents' costs	6,795		6,405	
PAYE and NI	5,583		6,492	
Pension	1,004		1,138	
Student Bursaries	25,000		29,317	
Printing	-		38	
		77,042		89,710
Other Expenditure				
Rent	4,379		7,506	
Computer and IT costs	958		1,306	
Bank charges	993		415	
Audit, accountancy and payroll	6,115		5,184	
Interest Paid	16		-	
Committee Member Expenses	146		-	
VAT on outputs	16,805		13,689	
Website	964		902	
Insurance	533		513	
		30,909		29,514
Total Payments		107,951		119,224
Net Income		**25,643**		**25,107**

All receipts and payments are Unrestricted funds movements. The Charity holds no Restricted funds.

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The Aristotelian Society
Cash and Reserves
For the year ended 31st December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Net Receipts for the year	25,643	25,107
Net Transfers (to)/ from Reserves	(1,066)	2,107
Cash and bank balances at 1 January	259,683	232,469
Cash and bank balances at 31 December	284,260	259,683

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The Aristotelian Society
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31st December 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets					
Bank and Cash balances:					
Bank deposit accounts		3,139		3,085	
Bank current account		237,928		220,342	
CAF Gold account		10		-	
CAF Cash account		65		135	
PayPal account		43,118		36,121	
			284,260		259,683
- held for investment purposes					
CAF 90 Day Account		73,840		72,663	
			73,840		72,663
Debtors:					
OUP sales	**3**	50,698		58,414	
Other debtors		-		4,379	
			50,698		62,793
Total Assets			408,798		395,139
Liabilities					
Creditors:					
Auditors' remuneration		4,250		4,163	
Accruals & deferred income		163		1,355	
Grants		-		1,820	
PAYE/ NIC		1,410		-	
Pension		172		-	
VAT		2,461		5,376	
Total Liabilities			(8,456)		(12,714)
Net Assets			400,342		382,425

All assets and liabilities of the Charity are held in Unrestricted funds. The Charity holds no Restricted funds.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved for issue by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Michael Hannon
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Date: 28/10/2026

Dr Michael Hannon
Honorary Director

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The Aristotelian Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, on the receipts and payments basis, following the guidance issued by the Charities Commission.

Allocation of Expenditure

All expenditure in connection with the Society's meetings and publications, together with an appropriate proportion of travel and office costs, has been treated as direct charitable expenditure in the Receipts and Payments Account.

2 Trustees and Employees

The Society had an average of two (2024: two) employees during the year, whose staff cost amounted to £31,528 (2024: £33,406). An honorarium of £5,255 (2024: £5,957) was paid to the director. Trustees were reimbursed expenses of £6,941 during the year (2024: £6,405).

3 Publishers' Sales

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sales of OUP journals net of VAT for the year	94,032	101,748
Less advanced payments	(43,334)	(43,334)
Amount due at 31 December 2025	50,698	58,414

THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & COUNCIL

MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025
13.00-16.00
Meeting to be held on Teams; link provided separately

PRESENT: Anna Stelle, Jessica Leech, Michael Hannon, Lucy O'Brien, Mona Simion, Fiona Leigh, Fabienne Peter, Aidan McGlynn, John Callanan, Sarah Fine, Victoria Neads

APOLOGIES: Scott Sturgeon

AGENDA

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising from the last minutes.

2. OUP ANNUAL REPORT

Neads indicated that production has gone relatively smoothly for both journals in the past year and publications timings have gone for the most part as expected. There has been a large uptick in articles published under an Open Access licence. The shift away from subscription income to per article revenue has however created a need for growth and increased publication. The question of how to grow in a way that can be accommodated within the journals' models is an ongoing one and Neads invited the Society to begin a discussion on this subject.

The second issue to flag was the decrease in print. There was a steep decline in print institutional subscribers, though this was accompanied by an increase in open access revenue.

Regarding marketing, Neads noted that the practice of pulling together papers published in previous volumes and publishing these on particular themes was popular from a marketing perspective. The most recent virtual issue on Kant was promoted from September through to December 2024, including the creation of a bespoke landing page, a social media campaign on OUP twitter feed, and email alerts. Marketing reports this performed very well, with 13,715 impressions and 1100 page views for the virtual issue, which is, by marketing's measure, good performance for the journal.

Peter asked about the OUP's presence on Bluesky and the extent to which this would shift from twitter. Neads indicated the OUP had established a presence on Bluesky but

this would be tested out for some time before a significant shift to a new marketing platform would occur-- but they were testing out shifting of resources in this regard.

Leech stated that the extra information on the virtual issue was very helpful and indicated the next virtual issue would be a centenary issue on Michael Dummett scheduled for later in the summer. Leech pointed out that when the Kant issue was released and marketed by the Society, many of the papers that weren't open access hadn't been made available; it would be beneficial to ensure this didn't happen for the Dummett issue. Regarding quantity of publications, Leech pointed out that the journal's main opportunity for growth was the expansion of discussion notes, which the journal was eager to pursue once ongoing technical issues with the ScholarOne system were sorted out. Leech also noted again that there were fewer consortia for the Supplementary Volume but this was a shame given that it was a journal with higher-prestige publications and that that increased subscriptions would beneficial here. Finally, Leech informed the Committee that a new deal had been negotiated with OUP but paperwork had not been signed; however this would likely occur soon.

Neads apologised for the delay with the Kant issues and invited Stelle to be in contact regarding issues with ScholarOne. Neads also indicated there were historical reasons for a lower subscriber base for the Supplementary Volume.

McGlynn offered a perspective on Bluesky, saying he was a heavy twitter user who was an early adopted of Bluesky and had seen a huge number of people he was in contact with on twitter move to Bluesky. In his opinion, organisations who weren't a part of that were missing out on a significant opportunity. He also noted that his own institution (Edinburgh) had stopped using twitter as a matter of policy and thought this might be a widespread trend.

Neads indicated that OUP philosophy content still does relatively well on twitter but she wouldn't be surprised if OUP rolled back from twitter and began to redirect some of that effort toward other platforms in the coming months.

O'Brien noted the absence of print publication for Supplementary Volume in 2027, Leech responded.

3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

Stelle updated the Committee that the accountants (MKS) had been experiencing what she believed to be a technical problem with the Xero online accounting software, which was glitching and duplicating some transactions. This threw reconciliation totals off and held up the accounts process. Stelle was working with MKS to resolve this issue and produce the draft accounts. She noted that these would be distributed to the Committee when they were available.

4. THE PROCEEDINGS

(i) Update on speakers 2025/26

Leech updated the Committee on Proceedings speakers for 2025-26, comprising:

First term
29-Sep-25 Inaugural Address: Lucy O'Brien (UCL)

13-Oct-25 Sophie Horowitz (Amherst)
27-Oct-25 Joe Saunders (Durham)
10-Nov-25 Malcolm Keating (Smith)
24-Nov-25 Giulia Felappi (Southampton)
08-Dec-25 Rahel Jaeggi (Humboldt Berlin)

Second term
19-Jan-26 Lewis Ross (LSE)
02-Feb-26 Anna Pakes (Roehampton)
16-Feb-26 Colin Chamberlain (UCL)
02-Mar-26 Anneli Jefferson (Cardiff)
16-Mar-26 Johanna Thoma (Bayreuth)

Third term
20-Apr-26 Simon Shogry (Oxford)
27-Apr-26 Chris Lebron (Johns Hopkins)
11-May-26 Anil Gomes (Oxford)
18-May-26 Pamela Hieronymi (UCLA)
01-Jun-26 Thomas Hofweber (UNC)

The Committee thanked Leech for securing these speakers.

(ii) Nomination of speakers 2026/27

Leech commenced the nomination procedure, explaining the general guidelines of nominations: a showcase of the best philosophy, ensuring diversity on multiple vectors, with the focus on UK philosophy given that the Society is a UK entity. Leech also noted that the Committee was looking for people with whose work they have sufficient familiarity with, to know they will give a great paper and talk. Leech suggested the following procedure:

First, the Committee would talk through suggestions already provided on the nominations list. Then everyone nominates one UK and one non-UK speaker. Leech also noted the Committee could be open to some fluidity between PAS and SV speakers, so long as this maintained the necessary balance. The aim was to produce a pool of approximately 14 people.

Leech began by addressing the situation with Aness Webster, who had become first symposiast when Chris Lebron stepped down, and who later had to withdraw herself. Given how difficult things had been for Webster and that she had already had the support of the Committee, Leech suggested making her a PAS speaker unless other members had objections. No objections were indicated.

Leech also noted there had been an overrepresentation of Oxford speakers in the last round so this should be avoided again. She then invited the Committee to speak in favour of anyone they were particularly enthusiastic about.

Peter spoke in favour of Zoe Johnson-King and Rach Kosker Roland.

Callanan: Karen Ng, Carl Edgerton was an excellent philosophy from the

underrepresented north of England. He also voiced support for Zoe Johnson-King.

Leech directed the Committee to Leigh's nominations in the chat.

At one point of the conversation Leech left the meeting to allow the Committee to discuss Mark Textor's nomination, as Textor is her partner.

List:

Andrew Stephenson (Munich, Kant, Philosophical Logic)
Bryan Pickel (Glasgow, metaphysics/language)
Aness Webster (Durham) [Normativity/feminism]
Cecily Whiteley (St Andrews, Mind, Psychiatry)
Elizabeth Anderson (Michigan, Epist, Ethics, Pol Phil, Gender and Race)
Fatema Amijee (UBC, history, metaphysics, feminism)
Lucy Campbell (Warwick) [intentions]
Marion Durand (Oxford) [Ancient Stoicism Phil Language]
Poppy Mankowitz (Bristol) [language and value]
Ricki Bliss (Lehigh University) [Metaphysics]
Vanessa Wills (Georgetown, Marx, Political Philosophy)
Zoe Johnson King (Harvard)
David Liggins (Manchester)
Mark Textor (KCL)

Reserve:

Alex Long (St. Andrews)[Ancient]
Ali Boyle (LSE, Phil Sci, animal minds)
Alisabeth Ayers (UBC)

Komarine, Woodard, and Christop Rapp would be carried over to the discussion of Joint Session nominations.

(iii) President's choice

Leech noted that every year the President had an option if they wished to do a President's Choice virtual issue compiling pieces they like from previous issues. Leech noted that no President's choice issue had been compiled in the present or previous year and invited O'Brien to compile one the following year during her tenure if she so wishes and email Leech if she wished to do so. O'Brien stated that an issue could be thematic or centre around a particular decade if they wished. She indicated that she would consider the proposal and contact Leech.

5. THE JOINT SESSION

(i) 2025 Joint Session (University of Glasgow)

a. Editor's update on postgraduate papers, symposia programme, and chairs

Leech indicated this information was in the papers and asked if anyone had any questions on the lists.

b. Registration

Stelle invited Committee members again to register for the conference and email her their confirmation. She also updated the Committee about the situation with Khalifa; namely that he would not be speaking at the conference in person because of worried about re-entering the US border as a scholar with an Arab name. In light of this worry Kelp had agreed, with Hannon and Leech's permission, to livestream Khalifa's symposium. This led to a discussion about livestreaming all symposia. McGlynn thought this might be a good idea for the present year if announced very shortly before the conference, but worried the practice would negatively impact attendance in future years if delegates expected in advance that the symposia would be livestreamed.

(ii) 2026 Joint Session (University of Reading) – Editor's update on symposia speakers.

Leech updated the Committee on 2026 speakers:

Inaugural address- Helen Beebee

Christopher Kelp (Glasgow)/Mona Simion (Glasgow) and Anne Meylan (Zurich)
Elizabeth Camp (Rutgers) and Eliot Michaelson (KCL)/Ethan Nowak (Stanford)
Raamy Majeed (Manchester) and Maeve McKeown (Groningen)
Anna Alexandrova (Cambridge) and Kareem Khalifa (UCLA)
Sara Heinämaa (Helsinki) and Kate Kirkpatrick (Oxford)
Therese Cory (Notre Dame) and Hamid Taieb (HUB)

(iii) Preliminary nomination of speakers for 2027 (University of Leeds) and 2028 (University of Sheffield)

Leech informed the Committee that they now needed to nominate symposium pairs for both 2027 and 2028, and noted that for 2027, Asa Wilkforss and Kurt Sylvan were already booked. In total, at the end of this process the Committee therefore needed to produce a list of 11 speakers, although a ranked list of 8 would likely suffice to produce speakers across two years given that the Society's suggestions would be combined with those of Mind. She reminded the meeting of the procedure whereby the ranked list produced by the Society would be exchanged with Mind, and each Society would then rank each other's lists.

UK speakers no repeat institutions, not all white, gender balance, balance of areas, no more than two repeats, customary to have someone at the hosting department on the panel if possible.

After discussing each of the pairs, each Committee members was asked to devote 5 (ranked) votes across the list to produce a joint ranking to work with.

The final combined, ranked list was as follows:

1. Miranda Fricker (NYU) + Sophia Dandelet (Madison) OR Elise Woodard (KCL).

2. Tommie Shelby (Harvard) + Shuk Ying Chan (UCL)
3. Jessica Moss (NYU) + David Ebrey (Barcelona)
4. Karen Bennett (Rutgers) + Fabrice Correia (Geneva)
5. Franz Berto (St Andrews) + Peter Fritz (UCL)
6. Jennifer Marusic (Edinburgh) + Anat Schectman (Austin)
7. Derek Mattravers (Open U) + Daisy Dixon (Cardiff)
8. Christof Rapp (Munich) + Laura Castelli (Cambridge)
9. Mary Kate McGowan (Wellesley) + Lucy MacDonald (KCL)
10. Alex Guerrero (Rutgers) + Emily McTernan (UCL)
11. David Shoemaker (Cornell) + Massimo Renzo (KCL)

Honorable mentions:

- Kieran Setiya (MIT)
- Jonathan Gingerich (Rutgers)
- Pauline Sliwa (Vienna)
- Kyla Ebbels Duggan (Northwestern)
- Andrew Chignell (Princeton)
- Pavel Reichl (UCL)
- Julia Driver (University of Texas at Austin and St Andrews)
- Nic Southwood (ANU)
- José Medina (Northwestern)
- Hrishikesh Joshi (Arizona)
- Henry-Somers Hall (Royal Holloway)
- Sacha Golob (KCL)
- Louise Antony (Amherst)
- Harriet Fagerberg (Cambridge)
- Jules Holroyd (Sheffield)
- Nancy Bauer (Tufts)
- Eliza Starbuck Little (Warwick)
- Komarine Romdenh-Romluc (Sheffield)

Fine noted the draft list was slightly US-centric.

McGlynn remarked that aesthetics was underrepresented, and that the process of ranked voting might reproduce the biases in familiarity/expertise of the Committee.

Action: Leech to produce a final proposal, put it to the Committee, and distribute it to Mind.

(iv) Update on venue for 2028 and 2029

Stelle confirmed to the Committee that the 2028 Joint Session would be held in Sheffield with Max Khan Hayward as Local Organiser, and the 2029 session at Cambridge with Clare Chambers as Local Organiser.

(v) Venue nominations for 2030

Stelle noted that normally this item was for the nomination of future venues but given that venues were confirmed until 2009 it was best in the interests of time to move on to discussion of conference grants. She invited the Committee to consider this question for discussion in July.

6. CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATIONS & REPORTS

Hannon presented the list of conference grants. After some discussion, the approved grants were:

CG042176 Ancient Greek Phil of Mathematics
CG042177 International Philosophy of Medicine
CG042178 Diversity Reading List in Philosophy
CG042179 Bridges Between Parallel paths: Arabic Island
CG042180 Wartime Quarter Pre-Doctoral
CG042181 Understanding Value
CG042183 University of Oxford Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference
CG042184 Spinoza Intellectual Love of God: Dialogues on Time, Theology, Politics

Action: Stelle to inform Robson of the successful grantees and request her to action grants.

7. RESPONSE TO CHANGES IN PUBLISHING

Stelle explained to the Committee that this was a historical agenda item to reflect the need, if it arose, for the Committee to devote more time to discussing publishing questions. This year the relevant changes seemed to be the call for increased publication, the elimination of hard-copy OUP-provided printing in the new contract, and continued trajectory of open access fees, and any others the Committee wished to discuss. Stelle noted these issues had already been raised during the discussion on the publisher's report and asked if anyone had further questions. None were forthcoming.

8. COUNCIL MATTERS

(i) Update on 2027/28 presidency

Stelle confirmed that Hannon had invited, on the Committee's vote, Jessica Brown of St Andrews to be the President for 2027/28 and Brown had accepted.

9. YEARLY SALARY REVIEW

Stelle drew the Committee's attention to the document in the papers outlining annual 2.5% salary increases to keep up with inflation (this policy had been decided in 2023). She invited questions or objections to the document; none were forthcoming.

10. REVIEW OF STUDENT BURSARY FUNDING

Stelle noted that this was also a historical item in case the Committee felt the need to revisit its decision from two years ago to increase student bursary funding to £5000. Stelle noted that income had not diminished in this time and there was no reason to think for the present year that this figure should not be maintained. She invited questions; none were forthcoming.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised. The meeting came to a close at 17:03.

The date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be in July 2025 at the Joint Session.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be in July 2024.

The Aristotelian Society

Meeting of the Executive Committee

Friday 11 July 2025
13:00 – 14.15

James McCune Smith Learning Hub, 429

PRESENT: Anna Stelle, Jessica Leech, Michael Hannon, John Callanan, Sarah Fine, Giulia Felappi, Mona Simion, Fabienne Peter, Aidan McGlynn

APOLOGIES: Scott Sturgeon, Fiona Leigh, Lucy O'Brien

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and drew attention to the minutes of the last meeting. No issues were raised.

2. 2027 and 2028 Joint Session (Leeds and Sheffield): review of nomination of speakers from Mind

Leech drew the Committee's attention to the ranked Mind and AS nominations and asked if anyone had any comments. Fine noted that last year the Society had promised Mind to prioritise Logic, because there had been no Logic speakers for 2026, and that the rankings seem to have achieved this well.

Leech informed the Committee that she had created a compilation of nominees using the top 4 ranked pairs of both the Mind and AS lists and attempting to control for gender, subject area, institution, and have a symposiast from the hosting institution, as is tradition, for 2027 and 2028. The list was as follows:

Leech invited comments and discussion. After discussion, the Committee approved the list.

Fine asked if Leech would put candidates who weren't finalised on a 'reserve' list that Leech could draw from as and when invitations were declined; Leech agreed that she would follow this plan.

3. Joint Session venue discussion

Hannon introduced the Joint Session venue discussion. He noted that the issue of spiraling costs and other booking difficulties regarding the Joint Session had made the process of organizing the Joint Session increasingly and unsustainably time-consuming, as well as more expensive. There were particular problems around the terms and conditions of the contracts the Society was being offered, the need to pay large up-front deposits if the Society and LO were treated as external bookers, and inconsistent availability of dates, among others. The purpose of this item was therefore to initiate a discussion about how to address this problem, including whether and how to move to a more sustainable organizational model.

Hannon suggested three models:

(1) As suggested by Alex Grzankowski when he was local organiser in 2023, one option was to move to an APA-style format in which the conference was held at a conference center or hotel every year which remained consistent instead of going through universities.

(2) To use a small and consistent set of universities where we knew we could get good and consistent terms.

(3) To retain the current model, in which case suggestions were solicited for how to improve things within this model.

Simion made the point that in her experience, organising a conference abroad (Simion's example was Spain) was cheaper and significantly easier and it might be useful for the Society to consider a larger shift in this respect. She also noted that organising through a hotel was cheaper and more efficient, in her experience.

Leech indicated that the organizational process with universities had become very time-consuming and the environment had changed such that the Society might not be able to maintain its previous practices.

Fine stated that she favoured the current model because it gave the Society a way to support the ecosystem of UK universities that the Society was a part of. She suggested that it may be possible to alleviate some of the difficulties with larger buy-out amounts and more support for local organisers going forward, drawing on previous knowledge and experience and ensuring better preparation.

Stelle noted that these measures might not go far enough toward addressing the problem because many of the issues involved in negotiating terms and conditions of contracts arose years before the conference itself, when a buy-out had not yet been issued (this would support the LO during the conference year, but not before). Moreover, at the point of negotiation, the LO was entirely new to the role and no decisions could be made without the Society's oversight and approval anyway, so it was inevitable that the Society, and not the LO, needed to take the lead on negotiations. This was the main source of effort at the minute.

Hannon added that it made sense in any event to increase the amount of the loan/grant we offer to the Local Organiser to incentivize their role, as organising was an enormous responsibility which at present seemed under-compensated.

Action: Simion to investigate the price of organising through a hotel, beginning with Glasgow, and present this information to the Committee in September.

4. Student Bursaries

Hannon informed the Committee that the Bursary panel had awarded bursaries to the following students:

- Viviane Fairbank (St Andrews, Logic)
- Jonas Hertel (Oxford, Ethics)
- Rebecca Brione (KCL Ethics)
- Matthew Davies (LSE, Political)
- Maheshi Gunawardane (Manchester, Stebbing)

Stelle had contacted the relevant students and was waiting for confirmations of acceptance. Some students had come into receipt of other funding so Hannon flagged that this may affect their eligibility. The Committee thanked the panel (Hannon, Sturgeon, and Simion) for their work evaluating applications.

5. Conflict of Interest discussion

Leech introduced the document outlining the utility of a conflict of interest policy for appointments and financial disbursements.

Hannon pointed out that some mechanisms were already in place, in that the size of the Committee assisted with weakening the voting significance of individual bias, and the Society has a practice whereby someone with a relevant conflict excuses themselves from the relevant discussion.

Simion noted that in terms of perception, it might be useful to have a note on the Society's website that outlined the nominations process.

Leech noted that it might also be useful to have the opening item on all our agendas listed as 'conflicts of interest' to remind us to think of these in advance and to declare. Fine suggested that a column be added to individual nominations forms as these occurred where conflicts could be declared.

Hannon stated that he was not in favour of a ban on particular individuals due to conflicts of interest, though he was in favour of the disclosure of conflicts of interest for the purpose of a committee discussion and of recusal from the decision for the individual with the conflict.

Leech stated that from one perspective, there was seeming unfairness to potential nominees in being prevented from being nominated, but the other perspective was that there was such a large group of candidates the Committee could draw from and that the limitation would only be a relatively short period of time. Simion was worried that the unfairness was significant and that a hard rule banning certain individuals for the duration of time the conflict was relevant (the duration of time the relationship lasted, or that the individual subject to the conflict was on the Committee) might be discriminatory and even fall afoul of discrimination law.

The consensus seemed to be that the Society would retain its current practices, add publicly visible information about nominations processes to the website, and add a standing item to agendas for declaring conflicts of interest before all nomination discussions.

*No substantial piece of business will be decided at the AGM under 'Any other business' without prior written notice to all members, either by email (if a current address has been provided) or by post. Any member wishing to raise such business should write to the Honorary Director.

The Aristotelian Society

Annual General Meeting

Friday 11 July 2025
14.00 – 14.15

James McCune Smith Learning Hub, 429

PRESENT: Anna Stelle, Jessica Leech, Michael Hannon, John Callanan, Sarah Fine, Giulia Felappi, Aidan McGlynn, Mona Simion, Fabienne Peter, Lucy O'Brien

APOLOGIES: Scott Sturgeon, Fiona Leigh, Lucy O'Brien

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no corrections.

2. 2024 subscriptions

Stelle introduced the subscriptions info from 2024. Overall subscriptions to the publications were 192 at the end of 2024 (2023: 229). There were 13 new subscriptions in the category of Lifetime membership (no publications) (2023: 11), which brings the total number of individual members in this category to 599 (2023: 546).

Callanan noted that subscriptions seemed to fluctuate quite a bit and Leech suggested that this was likely because of the relationship between individual and institutional membership.

3. Future presidencies

Hannon updated the Committee on future presidencies: Lucy O'Brien (2025-26), Alexander Bird (2026-27), and Jessica Brown (2027-2028).

Hannon noted that the Society needed to nominate a President for 2028-2029, and he would send around a nominations form over the summer to be completed for the September meeting.

Action: Hannon to send round Presidential nomination form before the September meeting.

4. Any other business*

No other business.

Action: Leech to draft text regarding the PAS and SV nominations procedure for the website, Hannon to draft text regarding conference grants and student bursaries.

Action: Stelle to add a conflict item to agendas and to nominations forms.

6. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting finished at 14:00.

The Aristotelian Society

Meeting of the Executive Committee & Council

Monday 29 September 2025
13.00-16.00

Meeting held on Teams.

PRESENT: Anna Stelle, Michael Hannon, Jessica Leech, Fabienne Peter, Lucy O'Brien, Sarah Fine, John Callanan, Aidan McGlynn, Fiona Leigh, Mona Simion, Aidan McGlynn, Alexander Bird

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. She noted that the Committee had been given in advance the minutes for September 2024, but not for April 2025. The latter had now been added to the Dropbox and all members would have access to these minutes at the same link, though they may not have had time to read them prior to the meeting. Peter invited everyone to contact the Managing Editor if they had questions or wanted updates about ongoing tasks after reviewing April's minutes.

2. Conference funding applications and reports

Hannon introduced the discussion regarding conference grant funding and invited the Committee to discuss applications.

The outcome of the discussion was:

Grant no.	**Amount requested**	**Amount awarded**
CG042185	300	200
CG042186	500	250
CG042187	500	250
CG042188	300	200
CG042190	500	250
CG042191	300	200
CG042192	500	250
CG042193	450	225

CG042189 'LIBERTY IN DIALOGUE AND IN DISPUTE: European Debates in Political Economic Thought (c. 1750–1850)' was not funded on the basis that it was highly interdisciplinary and the connection to philosophy was too tenuous.

To allow the Committee to equitably spread its resources across the large group of proposals, O'Brien suggesting funding each request proportionately, on the following basis:

£200 for those requesting £300 = 3 application
£225 for those requesting £400/450 = 1 application
£250 for those requesting £500 = 4 applications
= £1825 total

This was approved.

3. Website statistics

Stelle drew the Committee's attention to the website statistics document, indicating that facebook and website engagement remained constant, while we had lost followers on twitter, likely as a result of larger academic migration away from twitter and toward bluesky. Stelle also invited the Committee to contact her with suggestions of how to increase follower numbers on bluesky.

4. Society nominations

    i. Update on Council members

Hannon welcomed O'Brien to the Council and thanked Bird for attending the meeting. He also thanked Peter for her service as President over the past academic year.

Regarding the Officers and Committee members, Hannon pointed out that Callanan, Fine, and McGlynn would be ending in summer 2026. He also pointed out that Committee members could express interest in remaining in their roles if they had not already extended one term (two consecutive terms in total were allowed) and invited these expressions from the Committee (note; this policy was decided April 2024). Hannon also noted that his five-year term would be ending October 2026 as well and that Stelle may transition out of her role at that point, but noted these roles would be recruited after April if necessary.

Hannon then gave an update on the Council, directing the Committee's attention to the newly formed website. He also indicated that wording of the Council page had been changed to 'general oversight' of activities, rather than participating in nominations, because the latter decision would be too unwieldy given the volume of past presidents, and it had not been our practice in recent memory.

O'Brien noted that there was no demarcation for deceased Presidents, and Hannon stated that this option had been chosen because there was no consensus on an elegant solution as to how to indicate or separate deceased presidents. So instead, the blurb at the top mentioned specifically that the Council included *living* past presidents, but the page included a list of all past presidents so that these could be honoured. Peter thought this was a good solution and praised the webpage.

    ii. Nominations for President 2028-2029

Hannon noted that Alexander Bird (2026-2027) and Jessica Brown (2027-2028) were slated as future Presidents, but invited discussion of who to invite for 2028-2029. The following candidates were proposed:

Simion: proposed Sarah Sawyer and Richard Pettigrew.

McGlynn: supported Sawyer and Pettigrew as candidates, but noted that the Committee might want to bear spread of subject matter in mind as well.

Leigh: suggested Ursula Coope from Oxford.

O'Brien: supported McGlynn's point in relation to both History of Philosophy and Continental Philosophy. She suggested Beatrice Han-Pyle at Essex and Wayne Martin at Essex.

Fine: supported Sarah Sawyer and suggested Cécile Fabre (Oxford).

Peter: suggested David Enoch from Oxford.

O'Brien: also suggested Ruth Chang.

As a point of process, Fine said the Committee shouldn't circulate a nominations document that contained previous suggestions for nominations (Simion said the same), but preferred the idea of pre-circulating a nominations document before the meeting, saying that this allowed for more careful consideration, particularly with regard to factors like diversity. This was noted and nominations will occur like this in future where possible.

Action: Hannon to distribute a nominations request via email.

iii. Honorary member nominations

Peter asked if there had been agreement on the principle underlying nominations; Hannon responded that the previous decision had been that anyone who had served as Editor would be an honourary member.

Action: Hannon to invite Guy Longworth to honourary membership.

5. Proceedings

i. Update on speakers for 2026/27

Leech confirmed the following schedule:

Date	Speaker
28 Sept 26	Alexander Bird
12 Oct 26	Fatema Amijee
26 Oct 26	David Liggins
9 Nov 26	Alex Long
23 Nov 26	Alisabeth Ayars
18 Jan 27	Poppy Mankowitz
1 Feb 27	Ali Boyle
15 Feb 27	Marion Durand
1 Mar 27	Aness Webster
15 March 27	Bryan Pickel
26 Apr 27	Mark Textor
10 May 27	Zoe Johnson King
24 May 27	Lucy Campbell
7 June 27	Ricki Bliss
21 June 27	Andrew Stephenson

Peter thanked Leech for her work securing these commitments.

6. Joint Sessions

i. Report from 2025 Joint Session

Stelle directed the Committee's attention to the Joint Session report among the papers, invited questions, and noted that all suggestions for change included in the report would be incorporated going forward.

ii. Update on arrangements for 2026

Stelle reported that preparations were going well at Reading. She noted that a decision had been taken to use the campus pub, even though it closed at 11pm, and invited Leech to discuss celebratory events (in honour of the 100th Supplementary Volume).

Leech informed the Committee that she had discovered it was the 100th SV, but not the 100th Joint Session, as there had some meetings prior to the publication of the SV. This meant it did not make sense to hold a large ball to celebrate the 100th Joint Session, as had been suggested in the July meeting, and instead proposed that the Thurs-Fri schedules remain the same, and that Wednesday events be switched slightly earlier to make way for a special historical roundtable session, with cake and a party at the dinner reception. The idea was also to produce a special-cover centenary edition of the journal which people could purchase at registration.

McGlynn asked if the Joint Sessions had been misnamed/misnumbered in that case. Leech noted that it was the 100th JS recorded in the SV, but that it was indeed mislabelled.

O'Brien asked if the numbering of Presidents was mislabelled; Leech said she thought it was not.

Action: Stelle to ensure the CFP and website for 2026 did not include the labelling of 'Xth' Joint Session, and that the Society retain the numbering system for the Supplementary Volumes, where it was accurate.

iii. Update on speakers for 2027 and 2028

Leech indicated the following acceptances:

2027:

Asa Wikforss (Stockholm) (Kurt Sylvan, Southampton): earlier deadline 1 June 2026
Rima Basu (Claremont McKenna)
Jessica Moss (NYU)
Paul Noordhof (York) (Heather Logue, Leeds)
Carlotta Pavese (Oxford)
Karen Bennett (Rutgers)

2028:

Miriam McCormick (Richmond)
Alex Guerrero (Rutgers)
Komarine Romdenh-Romluc (Sheffield)
Miranda Fricker (NYU) - Responding to Fricker: Paula Satne (Leeds)
Franz Berto (St Andrews)

iv. Update on venues for 2028 and 2029

Stelle stated that she had contacted Sheffield (2028) and was waiting for formal confirmation of their organising team before contacting Events to confirm dates, and that she would contact Cambridge (2029) shortly.

Simion noted that this may be a good juncture to give updates about her investigation (requested in July) into the financial viability of holding the Joint Session at a hotel. She had received four quotes from hotels in Glasgow which suggested that room hire/day delegate rate/refreshments and dinner prices were all

on par with what the Society payed at universities, but with much higher quality and more of the administrative burden relieved, because the hotel team perform all planning, printing, arranging, A/V, etc.

The accommodation was much more expensive, at 100-150, but Simion noted again that it may be possible to use university accommodation. Simion also returned the Committee to the thought of making the LO position into a fellowship to guarantee that the LO gets the leave they require.

Peter thanked Simion for this perspective, particularly given her recent experience organising. Regarding the fellowship point, Peter reiterated her concern from the July meeting that universities might not allow short-term fellowships but we might get around this by paying the LO. Peter invited discussion.

Leigh asked how much a buyout was. Peter speculated approx. £15,000 but Hannon noted that this figure in his experience and on the basis of what Luke Elson (LO for Reading) had requested in the present year which much lower; in the realm of £4,000-£5,000.

Leech said it might be worth having two (or more) models to choose from regarding payment for the LO, so that the available support could be distributed in whatever way allowed the LO to make best use of the money with the administration at that particular university, depending on whether fellowships were allowed, on how much buyouts cost, or other relevant factors. Regarding hotels, Leech said this was great news and perhaps, since contracts had not been signed with Sheffield, the LOs there could conduct and price a similar investigation.

Hannon noted that sticker price was not the only issue in terms of using universities, but also T&C's regarding cancellation policies, deposits, etc; these needed to be investigated at hotels too. Simion suggested that universities might be more amenable to this form of buyout than Leverhulme etc, because 'environment' was now such an important part of the REF, and organising conferences was part of this. She also supported Leech's proposal of offering LOs alternatives. Simion offered putting together proposals for different options or organising a working group on this matter.

Regarding T&C's, Simion said that the benefit of working with hotels is that the event could be booked through the university's travel agent, who would book through a project code without the money actually being in the system. All registrations could then go into the project code but for the Society, it wouldn't matter when that money was required because the university's travel agent effectively fronted the required sum through the medium of a project code.

Simion noted again the issue of putting money into hotels and not universities, and asked for views again on the issue.

O'Brien stated that in her understanding, the issues discussed in the July meeting were (1) where the money went, and whether it would properly support the department or not, and (2) the autonomy of the LO, and these two should continue to be borne in mind. O'Brien also noted that countryside options needed to have good transport and accommodate large and flexible numbers, if that option was chosen.

Hannon stated that the Society should leave it to LO's to choose which option (hotel or department) they preferred, after investigating what the University's events team could offer. Regarding support options for the LO instead of a buyout, Hannon suggested the LO could invoice the Society for their time, if they'd prefer to do that instead of requesting a buyout.

Simion noted the need to highlight very well for the LO what might be involved in the classic model (organising the with university) and with the other model (hotel).

Action: Simion to draft a brief of what she requested from so that quotes could be investigated for Sheffield hotels, simply to have a comparator.

Action Simion: to create an options document for LO payments.

Action Stelle: write a brief for LOs regarding these issues, T&C's, what they need to ask for, etc.

v. Venue nominations for 2030

Southampton, Surrey, York, UCL were all suggested as institutions which had not hosted in a long time and may be appropriate. This might also true of KCL if an LO could be found.

Action: Felappi to investigate at Southampton.

Action: O'Brien to investigate at UCL.

Action: Stelle to investigate at Surrey.

Action: Hannon to investigate at York.

7. Any other business *(Peter)*

Peter invited suggestions for any other business; none were forthcoming. The meeting was concluded at 14:41.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee & Council will be held on 20 April 2026 at 13.00 on Teams, link to follow.