Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting  
24 April 2002, 1900 hrs  
London College of Printing, Elephant & Castle, London, SE1

Present: Stephen Holden (SH), Dr Keith Marshall (KM), Noreen Marshall, Hugh Massingberd (HMM), John Powell, Dr Catherine Hoffmann

Apologies for Absence: Jeffrey Manley, Peter Haley-Dunne, Kathleen White, Georgina Pritchard, Nick Baker, Stephen Pyskoty-Olle, Catherine Mansel Lewis, Jason Diamond, Tony Robinson, Colin Donald, Stuart Mitchell, Robin Nicholson, Douglas Law, Barry Pike, Lt-Col PE Taylor, Keeley C Schell, KA Budd, Tom Wallace, Edwin Bock, John S Monagan, Nick Weller, Carol Rothkopf, Dr Peter Payan, Terry Cowan, Dr Nicholas Birns, David Butler, Ian Shann, Hans Johansson, Sonia Berry, Prof Ian Young, John Potter, Sue Frye, Nigel Maxwell, Dr Joanne Edmonds, Henk van Linde, Aldon Rees, Kevin Jewell, Kate Ford, Prue Raper, Helen Davies, Simon McArthur, AJ Tucker, Richard Skilbeck, Tom Sutherland, Christine Berberich, George Soule, Leatrice Fountain, Dr CB Wynn Parry, Dr Jane Helwig, Maggie Noach

1. Welcome & Introduction
A. Keith Marshall (KM), Hon. Secretary, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
B. Maggie Noach, the Society Chairman being absent due to illness, the meeting asked Stephen Holden to take the Chair.

2. To consider and if thought fit to adopt a revised Constitution for the Society
A. KM introduced the Society’s revised Constitution (circulated in advance). The Executive Committee have concluded that the Society should seek charitable status. This will give the Society (and at least UK members, maybe others too) tax advantages; it will reduce the Society’s banking costs and it appears it will better position us to attract funding for events.
B. Although the existing Constitution was modelled on that suggested by the Charity Commission it is not close enough to be acceptable to the Commission. The Constitution has therefore been revised to be much closer to the Charity Commission’s model for Unincorporated Associations.
C. The major change in the new Constitution is the rewriting of the Society’s Objects, with the focus on research and education. There are many other small changes, including the need for a majority of the Executive Committee (the Society’s trustees) to be UK citizens resident in England or Wales.

3. Any Other Business
A. Some time was spent discussing the 2003 Conference. A number of possible sources of funding were suggested, many of which HMM agreed to investigate.
B. SH reminded the meeting that this year’s AGM has been fixed for Saturday 14 September at Eton College, beginning at 1430 hrs. The meeting will be followed by an opportunity for members to view the Anthony Powell manuscripts which are in the Eton College library. A formal notice of the AGM and a request for nominations for the Executive Committee will be issued in the Summer edition of the Newsletter.
C. SH and London College of Printing were thanked for their hospitality.