ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 16th Annual General Meeting of
The Association for the Study of Egypt and the Near East
(ASTENE) will be held on

Sunday 14 July 2013
at 2.30 pm
at Aston University Birmingham

to consider the Annual Reports and Accounts, to elect proposed members to the
Executive Committee, and for any other business that may properly be transacted.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting (14 July 2012) at St Mary Abbots
   Centre, London.
2. Chairman’s Report
3. Treasurer’s Report and Accounts for the financial year 2012-2013
4. Election of members of the Executive committee
5. Any Other Business

The election of the Executive Committee. This consists of three officers (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) and eight other members. The Chairman is Neil Cooke (2012) and the Treasurer Janet Starkey (co-opted 2012). The following members will be retiring: Patricia Usick (2009) Acting Secretary and Events organiser, and Janet Rady (2007 & 2010) Website editor, after completing six years.
Sheila McGuirk (2011), Russell McGuirk (2010), Lucy Pollard (2010), Cathie Bryan (2012) and Jacke Phillips (2012) are standing for re-election to the committee. Janet Starkey is proposed by Lucy Pollard and seconded by Cathie Bryan for endorsement as Treasurer of ASTENE, having been co-opted by the Executive Committee at the meeting of 26 January 2013. Hana Navratilova is proposed by Neil Cooke and seconded by Janet Rady for election as Secretary of ASTENE. Emmet Jackson is proposed by Jacke Phillips and seconded by Patricia Usick for election to the committee. Morris Bierbrier is proposed by Deborah Manley and seconded by Myra Green for election to the committee. Janet Starkey’s co-option by the Executive Committee should be endorsed by the AGM. One place remains on the committee for nominations.

Please send nominations to the Acting Secretary, Patricia Usick at 32, Carlton Hill, London NW8 OJY, email: events@astene.org.uk. Nominations must include the names of proposer and seconder, and agreement of the candidate, and must be received by 9 July 2013.
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MINUTES

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Jaromir Malek, ASTENE President, was in the Chair.

Apologies were received from Felicity Wood, Deborah Manley, Sally Cassidy-Odd,
and John Wyatt.

Jaromir Malek opened the meeting. With regard to the Agenda he announced that
John Wyatt had been nominated for the remaining place on the committee, proposed
by himself and seconded by Hana Navratilova. (The Acting-Secretary Patricia Usick
also amended an error on the last line of the Agenda to read 2013 not 2012.)
Jaromir Malek thanked Patricia Usick for preparing the AGM and organising the
conference.

Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting (14 July 2012) at St Mary Abbots
Centre, London.
The following amendment to the Minutes of the 2012 AGM was pointed out and the
Minutes were then accepted as correct by a unanimous vote.
Janet Starkey was co-opted in 2013 (not 2012).

Chairman’s Report
Neil Cooke, Chairman spoke to his report. He thanked Janet Rady for her work on the
website, and thanked Emmet Jackson who has been working on the new web Forum
and the Mailchimp mass emailing system which will facilitate the organisation of our
events. He also thanked Elisabeth Woodthorpe for organising the successful 2013 trip
to Jordan. He announced that the next conference will be held at either Exeter or
Norwich. He also announced the sad news of the death of Michel Azim, a founder
member of ASTENE.

Jennifer Scarce asked the Chairman whether members could have an updated version
of the Membership Lists, formerly know as the Yellow Pages. Neil Cooke replied that
there were problems with the Freedom of Information Act and also that we have
changed the name of the lists to avoid a clash with the Yellow Pages brand. However
we would ensure that committee members could contact each other through enquiries@astene.org.uk.

Tony Bryan pointed out that the correct title of the Kensal Green Cemetery guidebook named in the Chairman’s Report was *Walk Like an Egyptian*.

Neil Cooke then presented Patricia Usick with the gift of a Waterford cut-glass dish, to thank her for organising the conference. He also thanked Sheila McGuirk for her help on the conference and the accounts.

**Treasurer’s Report and Accounts for the financial year 2012-2013**

Two errors of date in the Treasurer’s Report were noted and the corrections approved unanimously:

- **Insurance:** The date 2104 should read 2014.
- **Deaths:** The death of P.M.E. Jones was in Autumn 2012, not 2013.

The Treasurer, Janet Starkey, spoke to her Report. The latest account figures show a balance of £43,427.61. Around 80 people had attended the conference and our membership numbers are rising. This year we were in profit. The members were asked to fill in Gift Aid forms if they qualified and had not already done so. We will be altering our insurance arrangements to insure future events. The new ASTENE publication will be launched after dinner on the Sunday of the Conference.

Jaromir Malek asked the AGM to approve the accounts which they did unanimously. The Auditor, Caroline Hartley was then reappointed by a unanimous vote.

**Election of members of the Executive committee**

This consists of three officers (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) and eight other members. The Chairman is Neil Cooke (2012) and Janet Starkey had been co-opted in January 2013 as Treasurer. The following members are retiring and were thanked for all their past work: Patricia Usick (2009) Acting Secretary and Events organiser, and Janet Rady (2007 & 2010) Website editor, after completing six years.

Sheila McGuirk (2011), Russell McGuirk (2010), Lucy Pollard (2010), Cathie Bryan (2012) and Jacke Phillips (2012) were re-elected to the committee by unanimous votes. Cathie Bryan will be the new Events Organiser.

Janet Starkey, proposed by Lucy Pollard and seconded by Cathie Bryan, was endorsed as Treasurer by a unanimous vote, having been officially co-opted by the Executive Committee at the committee meeting of 26 January 2013.

Hana Navratilova, proposed by Neil Cooke and seconded by Janet Rady, was elected as Secretary of ASTENE by a unanimous vote.

Emmet Jackson, previously co-opted, proposed by Jacke Phillips and seconded by Patricia Usick, was elected to the committee by a unanimous vote.

Morris Bierbrier, proposed by Deborah Manley and seconded by Myra Green, was elected to the committee by a unanimous vote.

John Wyatt, proposed by Jaromir Malek and seconded by Hana Navratilova, was elected to the committee by a unanimous vote.
Any Other Business. There being no other business, Jaromir Malek closed the meeting.