MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THEORETICAL ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE

Safra Lecture Theatre, King's College London
1 PM, 5th April 2013

Chair: Jason Lundock

ATTENDANCE

Standing Committee: Darrell Rohl (DR), Jason Lundock (JL), Ian Marshman (IM)
Membership: ??? (Jason has numbers from his votes)

1. Welcome given by JL

2. Report on TRAC’s activities since the 2012 AGM by IM.

3. Report on TRAC’s financial accounts by DR

4. Presentation of proposed new TRAC Constitution by DR
   - Vote proposed by JL accepting the new Constitution
   - The motion was passed.

5. Bids were requested by JL to hold the Twenty Fourth TRAC to be held in 2014.
   - Dr John Creighton responded by suggesting that it be held at the University of Reading, in conjunction with the Roman Archaeology Conference. He reminded the audience that TRAC is the more established conference but highlighted that when held jointly with RAC, it can attract a greater audience that TRAC might attract on its own. He emphasised that Reading has a large and diverse cluster of Romanists, including archaeologists but also a large proportion of scholars in its classics department. He cited the upcoming retirement of Professor Michael Fulford as an incentive for TRAC to join RAC next year, since it was hoped that he would contribute much to the event. He stated that there were a number of post-doctoral researchers who wishes to be involved in organising TRAC and that there would be at least the three people needed to form a local organising committee under the new Constitution.
   - Vote proposed by JL on accepting JC’s bid on behalf of Reading.
   - The motion was passed.

6. Standing Committee Elections

   - JL explained that IM and DR had reached the end of their three year terms and both intended to stand for re-election. He explained that another position was also available because Amanda Moore had decided to stand down before the end of her term.
   - JL invited interested individuals to make themselves known.
   - Alexandra Guglielmi and Dr Clare Rowan stood forward and both briefly explained why they wished to join the committee. IM and DR confirmed they wished to stand again to be able to continue to build on their previous work.
JL proposes a vote for each candidate individual, stating that members could only choose three of the candidates.

Votes for Darrell (    

Votes for Ian (    

Votes for Clare (    

JL announced that the candidates with the most votes were DL, IM and AG. He welcomed the successful candidates to the committee and thanked CR for her interest.

7. Any other Business

A member proposed the intention of individuals from the University of Leiden to bid for the Twenty Fifth TRAC, to be held in 2015. DR thanked the Leiden team for their interest and stated that the location of the 2015 conference would be decided at the next AGM.

Dr Tatiana Ivleva questioned if posters are useful at TRAC. She suggested that future conferences make use have a speed or 'lightning' presentations. She said she felt that for the audience this was a good way to hear a lot of new ideas, and helped the presenter better communicate their research.

JL closed the meeting at 1.58 PM