



### 3. Auditor

Since the inception of the Association, Mr N. Le Grand had carried out the auditing of the Association's accounts. He had indicated that he would prefer not to continue and the Hon. Treasurer was pleased to state that Miss J. Davis had agreed to act as auditor in the future; this was agreed by the A.G.M. It was agreed that the Hon. Secretary should write to thank Mr Le Grand for the help which he had given in this respect since 1986.

### 4, Elections to Committee

The Chairman drew attention to the Hon. Secretary's letter of 16 April 1993 setting out proposed changes to the Officers and Committee membership to take effect from the 1993 A.G.M. No objections had been received to these proposals, and it was therefore resolved that, as from 17 May 1993 Dr R.W.J. Keay would hand over the chairmanship of the Association to Mr N.H. Robinson, and Mrs J. Pulford, newly elected to the Committee to replace Miss V.G. Hammill, would take over as Hon. Treasurer. Mr C.R. Argent, elected in 1992, would continue as a Committee member for a further year, and Mr D.J.H. Griffin, co-opted in 1992, was confirmed as a full member of the Committee for two years from 1993. In addition, the meeting agreed that Mrs J.R. Lamb be elected to the Committee. As Trustee of the Pension Fund, Dr Keay would become an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

It was resolved that, on taking over the hon. treasurership of the Association, Mrs J. Pulford was authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Association.

### 5. Pensions

The Chairman reported that the current Trustees were now the Royal Society's Treasurer (Professor J.H. Horlock, the Physical Secretary (Sir Francis Graham-Smith), the Foreign Secretary (Dame Anne McLaren), Miss Jane Lewis (nominated by the staff members of the pension scheme), himself (nominated by the Pensioners' Association), Mr Nigel Parfitt (as secretary to the Trustees) and Sir David Money-Coutts. On 15 March 1993, Dr Keay had attended a full-day workshop for trustees of pension funds, together with Miss Jane Lewis, Mr Nigel Parfitt and Miss Shirley Latty (the Society staff member dealing with pensions). Dr Keay reported that in 1993 the usual 4% increase had been made in pensions, operative from the date of commencing the pension, and in addition a one-off payment of 10% of pension in view of the surplus which had accumulated in the fund. An explanatory booklet on the pension fund had now been issued to staff but as certain small amendments had to be made, copies would not be sent to pensioners until a revised booklet was issued.

### 6. Travel and Welfare Fund

The Hon. Treasurer reported that £75.90 had been paid out from the £200 made available by the Royal Society as shown on the accounts statement, and the Society had now replenished the fund. The Hon. Secretary had drawn the attention of members to the possibilities of calling on this fund in her letter of 16 April to members, and those attending were asked to bear in mind the existence of these funds.

## 7. Newsletter

There was general acclaim for the first two issues of the Newsletter and gratitude was expressed to Mr C.R. Argent for the considerable amount of work entailed in their production and to the Royal Society for its assistance. It was stated that the next closing date for receipt of contributions was 1 September 1993 and members were urged to send in as many contributions as possible. News of pensioners unable to attend the meeting would be passed on to the editor, and those present were asked to let him have any news of themselves which could be included. It was agreed that Mr Argent be asked to let contributors have proofs of their items and, if a reply-slip for outings was printed in the Newsletter, that this should be on the last page with a blank on the reverse side, or as a loose sheet.

## 8. Publications

Miss S.J. Orton reported that pensioners could receive R.S. News and the Year Book, regularly, free of charge, and anyone wishing to have either or both these publications and not already doing so should inform her. If pensioners wished to buy any other publications they could do so and would be given the 50% staff discount.

## 9. Preparation for retirement

Miss S.J. Orton reported that the Society would be organising a one-day meeting on 4 August 1993 on preparations for retirement. The RSPA had been requested to provide a ten-minute talk on its activities, and it had been agreed that the Hon. Secretary would do this.

## 10. Staff Association

In response to the Association's invitation, Miss Ruth Cooper, Secretary of the Staff Association attended. She explained that there were now 110 paid-up members and that at elections in April Mick Power had been elected Chairman, with Sheila Derrick as Treasurer. Some form of associate membership was under discussion for part-timers, restaurant staff and pensioners (possibly without voting rights) and proposals would be made to the next meeting of the Staff Association. There seemed to be no problems involving these categories in the social side of the Staff Association's activities, but there would be difficulties in sending copies of On the Terrace off the Society's premises.

## 11. Activities

The Hon. Secretary reported that since the last meeting groups had visited Portchester on 8 July 1992 to visit Miss V.G. Hammill's home and Portchester Castle, a visit had been made on 8 October 1992 to the Tradescant Museum and Royal Pharmaceutical Society (organised by Mrs J.R. Lamb), a lunch at the Society and theatre visit to 'An Ideal Husband' had been arranged by Miss T.A. Prigorowsky on 11 March 1993, and she had also arranged a visit to Fulham Palace (proposed by Lady Martin) on 22 April 1993.

A visit to Miss N.P. Morris's home at Farnham and tour of Farnham Castle would take place on 13 July 1993, and Mrs J.R. Lamb was arranging a visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea and Army Museum in the coming autumn (a definite booking could only be made within six weeks of the visit). The Committee's proposals for visits to take place in 1994 were discussed and it was agreed that Mrs J.R. Lamb's suggestions for visits to Durbar Court, India Office, Whitehall

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and Coutts Bank in the Strand should be accepted, possibly for the same day with lunch at the Royal Society, and Miss N.P. Morris agreed to look into the possibilities of a visit to Hampton Court Palace, possibly with additional visits to the Royal School of Needlework and Embroiderers' Guild, which had been proposed by Mrs Lamb. In addition Miss Prigorowsky agreed to arrange a theatre visit during the early months of 1994.

**12. News of Pensioners**

The Hon. Secretary reported news of pensioners unable to attend the meeting, which would be passed to the editor for possible inclusion in the Newsletter.

**13. Christmas Lunch**

Miss S.J. Orton reported that the staff Christmas Lunch would be held on Tuesday, 21 December.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next A.G.M. would be held on Monday, 16 May 1994.

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Lady Martin moved a formal vote of thanks to Dr R.W.J. Keay for his work as Chairman of the RSPA, and this was seconded by Miss N.P. Morris. In closing the meeting Mr N.H. Robinson expressed warm thanks for Dr Keay's efforts in the founding of the Association, for his seven years as Chairman and for the way in which he had represented the pensioners' interests as Trustee of the Pension Fund.

*N.H. Robinson*  
16 May 1994

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