

ASCS Honorary Secretary's Report 2017

Things were relatively quiet in 2017, and I have learnt a lot in my first year as secretary of ASCS. My work has been relatively light due in large part to the excellent work my predecessor (and now one of the Vice Presidents) Kathryn Welch has done during her term as Honorary Secretary. By sharing secretarial tasks among committee members, she has turned the executive into a team operation. Kathryn has helped me immensely to find my feet in this new role by providing a lot of support and advice—thanks, Kathryn! She also very efficiently managed the Conference Program Review committee.

Thanks are also due to the rest of the “Inner Cabinet” of the Executive. Our Treasurer, William Dolley, in addition to managing the finances of the association, has also wisely advised us on many matters. Our other Vice President, Tom Stevenson, organised the various prize committees in addition to convening the 2018 ASCS meeting along with Amelia Brown.

Messages were distributed in a timely manner by our Messages Secretary, Megan, who conveniently provides a short summary at the beginning of each message for those too busy to read the whole message. Our new formal membership secretary, Lara, continued to remind members about subs. Kit, as our website manager, maintained the website and we updated a lot of material there especially awards and prizes. The postgrad reps, Sinead and Dustin, set up Facebook and Twitter pages for ASCS as another means of informing membership; see <https://www.facebook.com/ASCS1966/> and <https://twitter.com/ASCS1966>

And of course our outgoing president, Anne Mackay, has once more guided the ASCS ship steadily and calmly in fair weather and foul.

Finally, in 2017 we were again able to provide financial support to occasional conferences and help several postgrad students travel to the *Amphorae* and ASCS conferences. But as you will hear in the Treasurer’s report, there are still quite a few members who have not paid their subscriptions. Prompt payment is very important for allowing us to fund and support essential activities. So, please, remember to pay your dues promptly!

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