



## The British Society of Russian Philately

2016 Annual General Meeting of the Society held online

1. Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM (attached)

(Proposed by Lenard Tiller and seconded by Roger Castle)

2. The Secretary/Treasurer's Report 2016 (attached)

(Proposed by Jackie Simpson and seconded by Charles Leonard)

3. Re-elections/Nominations of Society Officers and Committee Members

### Standing for re-election

- President – Lenard Tiller
- Secretary/Treasurer/Journal Production/Website admin  
- Caroline Ferreira
- Journal Editor - Edward Klempka
- Editorial board 1 – Philip Robinson (proof reader)
- Editorial board 2 – VACANT
- Committee member 1 - Kevin Holdridge (Webmaster BSRP)
- Committee member 2 - Terry Page (London Annual meeting)
- Committee member 3 - Jackie Simpson
- Committee member 4 - Roger Castle
- Committee member 5 - VACANT
- N America Rep - David Skipton

The abovementioned Society Officers and Committee Members offered themselves for re-election.

(Proposed by Dick Scheper and seconded by Robin Calvert).

## Standing for election

Neil Ritchie has been nominated by Edward Klempka and seconded by J D Myke and is invited to join the BSRP as a Committee member in 2017.

Ron Tufft has been nominated by Ferit Erkekli and seconded by Guillermo Perdomo and is invited to join the BSRP as a member of the Editorial committee in 2017.

Thank you to everyone who forwarded their votes for the nominees, which was done on a "first come, first served" basis.

### 4. Any other business

#### 1. **SUBSCRIPTION FEES** – We asked for your vote on following;

- a) Stay with current system?
- b) Increase basic subscription payments by 5.3%.

Members (including Society Officers and Committee members) voted unanimously in favour of an increase in subscriptions to cover PayPal and bank charges. Therefore, it has been agreed that there will be an increase of 5% in BSRP subscriptions from January 2017 from £20.00 to £21.00 per annum and the discounted rate of £18.00 if paid before 31 March has been discontinued from 2017.

(Proposed by Caroline Ferreira and seconded by Tony Adams.)

NB: Subscriptions that have been prepaid for 2017 onwards will not have to make up the shortfall, but previous years PayPal short payments to be added to 2017 subscriptions please.

Please contact the secretary [secretary@bsrp.org](mailto:secretary@bsrp.org) for further information if needed.

#### 2. **ABPS** Result of votes on the following;

- a) BSRP apply to become affiliated member of the ABPS.
- b) Neil Richie (current secretary of APBP) to be made BSRP's APBS representative if elected as committee member of the BSRP.

In principal, UK members (who make up less than a third of the BSRP membership) thought it a good idea. However, questions were raised about whether the BSRP can afford £1.25 per member - based on the current membership fee.

A final decision was not reached on the BSRP becoming an affiliated member of the ABPS and Society Officers and Committee members voted to discuss further at a later date.

3. **MIDPEX** –BSRP take a table at MidPex to be held on 8 July 2017 at a cost of £25.00.

Mix responses to this one. Overseas members pointed out this is for UK members to decide. There was some interest from a few UK members but the majority who responded expressed no interest.

The Society Officers and Committee members voted not to pursue this item further this year.

4. **NEW DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY** Member Bogdan Pelic would like to introduce a system, free of charge, to BSRP which offers a possibility to read journals online or mobile on any system.

All who responded are certainly curious about new digital technology and we look forward to further announcements.

(Proposed by Bogdan Pelic and seconded by Kevin Holdridge.)

Vote of thanks. Robin Calvert would like to extend this to our Officers & committee for keeping us going over the last year.

On behalf of the President, Lenard Tiller, the Society Officers and Committee members, we would like to thank the many members who participated in this year's Online AGM.

THE FINAL AGM MINUTES WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE BSRP WEBSITE ON 15 OCTOBER 2016.