

Dante Alighieri Society Liverpool

Annual General Meeting 2025

Saturday 20 September 2025 5.30-6.30pm

Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, Liverpool, L1 3BT

The President, Alessandro Raschellà, and the Secretary, Rosalba Biasini, welcomed all present and thanked everyone for attending the Dante Alighieri Society Liverpool (DASL)'s fourth Annual General Meeting (AGM).

After satisfaction that the AGM was quorate, the meeting started.

Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from committee members Iuliana Ghemis and Pasqualina Romano.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Vice-President Stefania Tufi was stepping down this year and thanked her for her service.

AGM 2024 Minutes

Minutes of last year's AGM had been sent to all members by email. Hard copies were circulated to the members present. There were no matters arising and the minutes were approved. Members were informed that from this year, AGM minutes will be available online on the DASL website.

President's Report:

The President gave a summary of the events that had run over the last year as well as of the cultural activities and courses. Of particular interest are the successful launch of the PLIDA language examination programme, the running of the Biblioteca (Library), including the Biblioteca Dante Giovanni, and a new, rich offer for younger members.

It was confirmed that DASL's contract with the premises at 96 Bold Street, L1 4HU would continue for the incoming year.

DASL had 186 members + 34 young members in 2024-25.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Jeff Fletcher, presented the year's report, which showed a constant increase in income and discussed spending to provide DASL's varied offer – see attachment.

Elections to the Committee

There are four Honorary committee member positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, four Ordinary committee member positions, and four possible Co-opted committee member positions. Statements were received from candidates. These were distributed to members present.

The President's position lasts for four years, and President Alessandro Raschellà was confirmed in place by acclamation.

The Secretary's position lasts for two years, and Secretary Rosalba Biasini was confirmed in place.

The following members were voted to the committee by acclamation:

- Maria Isabella Bonacini (present, re-elected)
- Jeff Fletcher (present, re-elected – honorary committee member position),
- Iuliana Ghemis (not present, re-elected)
- Judit Radnoti (present, elected for the first time)
- Pasqualina Romano (not present, re-elected)

Subsequently, Maria Isabella Bonacini was elected as Vice-President via acclamation, hence taking an honorary committee member position.

The following member was elected as committee member by acclamation, after having joined as a co-opted member:

Sofia Pentassuglia.

The following member was co-opted:

Erica Kemp.

2025-26 DASL Full Committee:

President: Alessandro Raschellà

Vice-President: Maria Isabella Bonaccini

Secretary: Rosalba Biasini

Treasurer: Jeff Fletcher

Ordinary Committee members: Iuliana Ghemis, Sofia Pentassuglia, Pasqualina Romano

Co-opted Committee member: Erica Kemp

DASL Administrator Stefania Pisano has been confirmed in place. This is a paid role.

Honorary memberships

Honorary memberships were conferred to Diana Lane, former DASL Committee member, and Anna Cardelli Lynch, for her services in the establishment of the Biblioteca Dante Giovani.

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None raised.

The meeting was closed.