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Director's note

At the 2022 Anniversary Meeting of the Society, Fellows voted to agree new increased subscription rates for membership. From the 1 July 2023 these now include a reduction for those Fellows eligible to receive a hardcopy version of the *Proceedings* who opt to instead receive the digital version only. This follows substantial increases in hardcopy publishing costs including everything from paper to postage. We do not see any prospect of these costs reducing significantly in future, and indeed they may continue to increase.

To help manage the costs of the hardcopy *Proceedings*, Council has agreed to cap the size of the volumes to around 350 pages. This will mean that budgets can be more accurately predicted annually and will end larger, and more costly to print and post, volumes. However, we still expect to publish the wide range of articles covering all aspects of antiquarian endeavour examining Scotland's past written by authors with a variety of backgrounds.

To help maintain this size of volume, editorial processes will necessarily become stricter and we emphasise that articles for the *Proceedings* should be a maximum of 10,000 words long (including references) with 12 images. We also remind authors to check the submission guidelines available from the *Proceedings* webpages (<http://journals.socantscot.org/index.php/psas/index>) and ensure their paper conforms to these and our style guide prior to submission. Longer papers might be more suited to our open access and fully peer-reviewed SAIR journal (<http://journals.socantscot.org/index.php/sair>). As always, if you have any questions regarding publishing with the Society, please do not hesitate to contact the Managing Editor, Adela Rauchova, at editor@socantscot.org or write to the office.

Our voluntary Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) continues to develop as we look to broaden the expertise available and ensure that it is as inclusive as possible. We welcome to the Board Dr Bryony Coombs, currently Teaching Fellow in Renaissance Art History at the Edinburgh College of Art; Dr Li Sou, Senior Illustrator at Cotswold Archaeology; and Maya Hoole, currently at Historic Environment Scotland. Dr Coombs' research interests include the transfer of ideas in northern Europe and text and image relationships in late-medieval manuscripts, and she published in the *Proceedings* in 2019.¹ Dr Sou's work on Mousa broch led her to develop an interactive iBook on Iron Age Shetland and Maya's publication of a 4,200-year-old Early Bronze Age Beaker burial from the Scottish Highlands in 2018 is one of the most viewed papers in the *Proceedings*.² We continue to look for more members for the EAB and if you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact the Managing Editor.

This volume of the *Proceedings* ranges over topics as diverse as a Neolithic Chambered tomb on Islay to Scots in Madeira and Egyptian Treasure Trove in Scotland. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did putting it together.

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¹ Coombs, B 2019 'John Stuart, Duke of Albany and his contribution to military science in Scotland and Italy, 1514–36', *Proc Soc Antiq Scot* 148: 231–66. <https://doi.org/10.9750/PSAS.148.1265>

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List of abbreviations commonly used in the *Proceedings*

ADS	Archaeology Data Service
AIA	Association for Industrial Archaeology
ALGAO	Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers
BAR	British Archaeological Reports
CBA	Council for British Archaeology
CifA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
CSA	Council for Scottish Archaeology (now Archaeology Scotland)
DES	Discovery and Excavation in Scotland
DSR	Data Structure Report
HERs	Historic Environment Records
HES	Historic Environment Scotland
HMSO	His Majesty's Stationery Office
NMS	National Museums Scotland
OS	Ordnance Survey
OSA	Old Statistical Account 1791–99
RCAHMS	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
SAIR	Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports
ScARF	Scottish Archaeological Research Framework
SMR	Sites and monuments record

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1. The purpose of this Society shall be the study of the ANTIQUITIES AND HISTORY OF SCOTLAND, more especially by means of ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH.
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4. Council shall cause the names of the Candidates and their Sponsors to be circulated to all Fellows at least ten days before the date of the meeting at which a ballot is to be held. The method of voting will be prescribed by the Council.
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6. Before the name of a newly elected candidate is added to the list of Fellows, they shall pay to the funds of the Society an entrance fee and the current year's subscription as provided for by Law 7.
7. Rates of entrance fee and annual subscription shall be determined by the Council as required from time to time subject to the approval of the Society given at a General Meeting. The annual subscription shall become due on a date in each year specified by Council; and if any Fellow who has not compounded shall fail to pay the subscription for one year, due application having been made for payment, the Treasurer shall report the same to Council, by whose authority the defaulter may be removed from the Fellowship. Fellows whose membership has lapsed, and who wish to re-join the Society, may do so either (1) by payment of all arrears of subscription – in which case they shall receive the relative volumes of the Proceedings, if still available – or (2) on payment of the subscription for the current year and of the entrance fee.

8. Fellows, including Honorary Fellows and Council members, whose actions or behaviour might in the opinion of Council bring the Society into disrepute may be removed from the Fellowship. Council will consider the removal and advise the Fellow of its decision. Any Fellow so considered will be given the opportunity to appeal the decision to a panel independent of Council consisting of Fellows and at least one non-Fellow. The determination of this panel will be final.
9. Every Fellow not being in arrears of the annual subscription shall be entitled to receive the printed or electronic form Proceedings of the Society from the date of election.
10. None but Fellows shall vote or hold any office in the Society.
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12. The Council shall consist of at least twelve Fellows elected by the Society, the Society representative of the National Museums Scotland (NMS) *ex officio* who is already a Fellow of the Society (nominated by the NMS Board of Trustees) and up to two co-opted persons appointed by the Council to fill a vacancy on the Council. The total number of members of the Council shall not exceed fifteen at any time.
13. The Office-bearers of the Council shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Treasurer.
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16. Elected members of the Council shall hold office as Council members for an initial term of up to three years. A retiring Member of the Council who has held office for one term shall be eligible for re-election as a member of the Council and, if so re-elected, shall hold office for a further term of up to three years. The election shall be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting upon a list issued by the Council for that purpose to the Fellows at least 14 days before the meeting.
17. A retiring member of the Council who has held office for two terms shall not be eligible for re-election as a member of the Council unless such re-election is as an Office-bearer of the Council, provided however that no person shall be eligible for re-election as a member of the Council in any circumstances if such re-election would result in that person's period of membership of the Council in any capacity exceeding nine years unless a period of at least two years has elapsed since the date of that person's previous retirement from the Council.

18. A co-opted member of the Council shall be eligible for election as a member of the Council in accordance with Law 15 at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment as a co-opted member of the Council and shall vacate office at the conclusion of that Annual General Meeting if they are not elected as a member of the Council. Immediately following each Annual General Meeting, the Council may re-appoint under Law 11 any individual who, as a co-opted member of the Council, vacated office under this Law at the conclusion of an Annual General Meeting; the Council may alternatively appoint someone in their place or resolve not to fill the vacancy.
19. Vacancies among the elected members of Council, the President and the Treasurer occurring by completion of term of office, by resignation, death or otherwise shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting, or, in the case of the Treasurer, at any earlier meeting of the Society as decided by the Council.
20. The Council may appoint committees or individuals to advise on the Society's business. Individuals who are not Fellows and Fellows who are not members of the Council shall be eligible for these duties.
21. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall take place on St Andrew's Day, 30th November, or on the preceding or the following day if the 30th be a Sunday. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be notified to Fellows at least fourteen days before the day of the meeting.
22. The Council shall have the power to call Extraordinary General Meetings when they see cause. At least fourteen days' notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to Fellows.
23. Meetings of the Society, termed Ordinary Meetings, shall be held on such dates and at such places as may be determined by the Council. A minimum of six meetings, in addition to the Annual General Meeting provided for in Law 20, shall be held in each year.
24. Every proposal for altering the Laws must be made through the Council, which shall cause intimation thereof to be made to all the Fellows at least thirty days before the General Meeting at which it is to be determined on.