

## Election to the Board of Trustees 2009

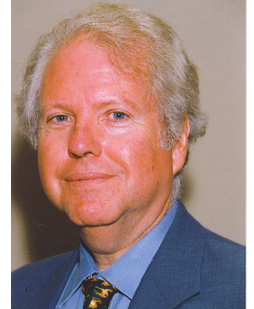
Four of the current Trustees (Dr Aidan Dodson, Ms Lucia Gahlin, Dr Robert Morkot and Dr Joanne Rowland) have volunteered to retire at the Annual General Meeting on 12 December 2009, and Ms Alexandra Whittaker resigned from the Board of Trustees on 13 July 2009.

There will thus be five vacancies to be filled at the AGM and, following the call for prospective Trustees sent in the Spring mailing, the Board is recommending the following members for election: Mr George Hart, Mr John Johnston, Mr Robert Lee, Mr Michael Murphy and Ms Judi Sykes. A brief biography of each can be found below.

As the Society's Chair, Dr Ian Shaw, explained in his letter of November 2008 (included with the papers for the 2008 EGM/AGM), members now have an additional opportunity to put themselves forward for election in competition with the members nominated by the Board. Any member who wishes to stand for election for one of the five vacant places is invited to contact the Society's Director, Dr Patricia Spencer, ([patricia.spencer@ees.ac.uk](mailto:patricia.spencer@ees.ac.uk)) and request an application-form and the Society's electronic 'information pack' for prospective Trustees. Completed applications must be received by 30 September 2009 so that all candidates can be listed in the notice of the AGM to be mailed to members in the Autumn.

### Nominees of the Board of Trustees

**George Hart** worked at the British Museum (between 1973 and 2004) in the Education Department, primarily lecturing on the Ancient Egyptians but also on Bronze-Age civilisations of the Mediterranean World. George has been, since its inception in 1991, a member of the Editorial Board of *Egyptian Archaeology*, was also one of the founder members of the Friends of the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology (Chairman for its first twelve years) and is currently a Committee member of the Sudan Archaeological Research Society. George served on the EES Committee \* for three full three-year terms between 1990 and 2006 and was also co-opted for six months in 2008. This provided him with a valuable insight into the way the Society evaluated, debated and made the executive decisions vital to furthering its commitment to archaeology in Egypt.



\* In December 2008 the Committee, the Society's governing body, was renamed the Board of Trustees.



**John J Johnston** works for the London Borough of Southwark as Divisional Quality and Performance Manager within the Culture, Libraries, Learning, and Leisure Division. Having studied Egyptology at Liverpool University, John obtained his degree in Classics through Open University, prior to receiving an Egyptian Archaeology MA from the Institute of Archaeology at University College London, where he continues to study, part-time, as a Research Graduate. As a member of the EES Oral History Project, John has, to date, interviewed Kenneth Kitchen and Eric Uphill. Substantial involvement in the strategic and organisational aspects of the decision-making process has provided John with an understanding of the duties and responsibilities attendant upon the position of Trustee and he would welcome the opportunity to employ his skills and experience for the benefit of the Society. John has not previously served on the EES Committee/Board of Trustees.

**Robert Lee** is a solicitor and has been a partner in the International Law Firm, Davies Arnold Cooper since 1989. He is currently Head of Real Estate as well as having a position on the firm's executive management board. Robert is also involved in public speaking and has appeared on both the BBC 'Working Lunch' programme and BBC Radio 4's 'Financial World Tonight'. As a Partner in a major law firm Robert has access to corporate and other commercial legal expertise which he hopes would be useful to the Society and provide a skill set that the Board of Trustees does not currently have. Robert is a passionate amateur Egyptologist and attends as many of the Society's events and functions as possible. He has not previously served on the EES Committee/Board of Trustees.



**Mike Murphy** retired in 2007 as Chief Review Editor at 'The Times' where he had worked as a journalist and editor since 1977. In 1996 he was the prime mover in launching 'The Times Online'. Mike has a BA in Near Eastern Archaeology from the University of Sydney and participated in EES excavations at Saqqara in 1978. He continues to visit Egypt regularly and maintains good contacts in the worlds of archaeology and research into the Egyptian postal service – he is Honorary Secretary of the Egypt Study Circle, a specialist philatelic society. Mike was founding Editor of *Egyptian Archaeology* and still serves on the Editorial Board. As a journalist he learned to question rigorously, to check facts and to expect the unexpected, skills he hopes will be useful to the Board. Mike served on the EES Committee from 1991 to 94.

**Judi Sykes** is Assistant Director, Working Capital Advisory Services at Ernst & Young in London, having previously worked in managerial and finance roles at Unilever, First Direct Bank and Yorkshire Water. Judi has a First Class Honours degree in Maths from Oxford University and is ACMA (Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) qualified. During the 16 years she has worked in industry, Judi has developed a broad business understanding and general management skill set which complements her finance credentials, and she has a positive, pragmatic approach to resolving problems and breaking down barriers which she feels would be of value to the Society's Board of Trustees. Judi has a genuine interest in ancient Egypt and would welcome the opportunity to expand her horizons as an EES Trustee. She has not previously served on the EES Committee/Board of Trustees.

