



**EGYPT
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SOCIETY**
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE EGYPT EXPLORATION SOCIETY

will be held online using Zoom
on Saturday 29th November 2025 at 16:00 (UK)

AGENDA

1. To receive the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Director's Report
4. To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025
5. To approve the reappointment of Sayer Vincent LLP as Independent Auditors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting and to authorise the Board of Trustees to fix their remuneration
6. To (re-)elect the following Members of the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Board:
 - 6.1 to re-elect Jennifer Cromwell as a Trustee
 - 6.2 to re-elect Abeer Eladany as a Trustee
 - 6.3 to elect Robert Lee as a Trustee
 - 6.4 to elect Sue Preston as a Trustee (with effect from 1 December 2025)
 - 6.5 to elect Dr Kathleen Sheppard as a Trustee

By order of the Board
Dr CARL GRAVES, Director
19th September 2025

NOTE: A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. A Proxy need not be a member of the EES. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be completed in full and returned to the Egypt Exploration Society, 3 Doughty Mews, London WC1N 2PG, or trustees@ees.ac.uk, not later than 16:00 (UK) on Thursday 27th November 2025.

Under Articles 30 and 31 of the Articles of Association, at each AGM one-third of the Trustees are subject to retirement by rotation, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third, must retire from office. Dr Campbell Price, Richard Ayre, and Dr Penelope Wilson will each retire having served their maximum term and therefore not eligible for re-election. Dr Abeer Eladany and Dr Jennifer Cromwell will retire by rotation and stand for re-election. Dr Roba Ashraf Abdelbadie and Taco van Heusden each resigned during the year. The Board recommend Robert Lee and Dr Kathleen Sheppard to fill two vacancies arising. In recommending them for election, the Board has taken into account their knowledge and skills and where applicable their contribution to date, as well as the overall balance of skills and experience that the Board requires.

Registration link: <https://www.ees.ac.uk/whats-on/events/annual-general-meeting-2025.html>

ATTENDANCE

During the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, there were 5 Board meetings. The attendance over that year was as follows, the brackets reflecting the number of meetings attended out of the maximum possible:

Dr Campbell Price, Chair (5/5); Richard Ayre, Vice-Chair (4/5); Yvette Mhic Giolla Rua Adebajo, Treasurer (5/5); Dr Roba Ashraf Abdelbadie (0/4); Dr John Baguley (5/5); Jenny Chong (4/5); Dr Jennifer Cromwell (5/5); Dr Abeer Eladany (4/5); Lizzie Glithero-West (4/5); Taco van Heusden (2/4); Hilary McGowan (4/5); Dr Leire Olabarria (1/1); James Potts (5/5); Dr Tobias Stone (1/1); Dr Penelope Wilson (3/5).

STATEMENTS FROM TRUSTEE CANDIDATES



Dr Jennifer Cromwell is Reader in Ancient History at Manchester Metropolitan University. She studied Egyptology at the University of Liverpool for her BA, MA, and PhD (focussing on Coptic legal documents from western Thebes in the 8th century CE), and before joining MMU in 2018 she held research positions at the University of Oxford, Macquarie University (Sydney), the University of Copenhagen, as well as the British Museum. Her research focusses on social and economic life in Egypt during the late 6th to 8th centuries CE; the study of Coptic papyri; and the reception of ancient Egypt in modern analogue and digital games. From 2021–23 she was the principal investigator on a UK Research Institute-funded project, ‘Ancient History, Contemporary Belonging’ (with sociologist Dr Caitlin Nunn), which worked with Manchester Museum, Sheba Arts, and migrant-background youth researchers (aged 16–24) in Greater Manchester to creatively explore the forced migration of ancient historical objects and what it means to ‘belong’.



Dr Abeer Eladany graduated from the Faculty of Archaeology, Cairo University, and then gained a postgraduate diploma and Pre-MSc degree from the Faculty of Tourism, Helwan University. She worked at the Egyptian Museum, Cairo, for more than 10 years before travelling to Italy to study conservation of ceramics in Florence. She then joined the KNH Centre, University of Manchester, to study Biomedical and Forensic Studies in Egyptology where she achieved her MSc and PhD. In 2015, Abeer gained an MLitt in Museum Studies from the University of Aberdeen. In her current role as a curatorial assistant at the University of Aberdeen’s Museums and Special Collections, she promotes wider access to the museum collections. Abeer’s research interests are mainly related to human remains, the history of Egyptology, and Museology (particularly Ethics and Repatriation), and she has joined archaeological excavations in Egypt and in Scotland.



Robert Lee is a real estate lawyer at London international law firm DACBeachcroft where he is a partner involved in major housing regeneration projects. Robert has worked in the legal sector for some 40 years and lives in London and North Devon with his wife Helen and their four children.

Robert has a keen interest in ancient Egypt which was sparked when he took his late father (who did his national service in Port Said and Cairo) for a holiday to Egypt some 20 years ago. This led Robert to read into the subject and to join the Egypt Exploration Society. Robert is a keen champion of the EES and previously served as a Trustee between 2010 and 2016 Robert has subsequently visited Egypt on many occasions.

In addition to an interest in both ancient and modern history Robert is a keen collector of antique silver particularly of the Georgian period.

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Sue Preston is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Tax Adviser. She worked in the oil industry for a number of years before taking a career break and moving to the Far East. Since her return she worked for a number of not for profits and was formerly the Finance Director of a grant giving trust. Sue has wide experience of not-for-profit accounts and a particular interest in governance. She has also had a keen interest in Egyptology and studied at Birkbeck College.

Sue previously served as Treasurer for the Society from 2019 until her retirement from the Board in 2024. The Board have invited her to return as Interim Treasurer for 2025-26 while Yvette Mhic Giolla Rua Adebanjo takes a year of maternity leave. As the articles state that Trustees cannot be re-elected until 12 months from the date of their retirement the Board recommend that Sue's Trusteeship begin from 1st Dec 2025.



Dr Kathleen Sheppard is Professor in the History and Political Science department at Missouri S&T in Rolla, Missouri. She earned her MA in Egyptian Archaeology at University College London in 2002, and an MA and PhD in History of Science from the University of Oklahoma in 2006 and 2010, respectively. She has spent her whole career telling the stories of women in Egyptology. Her first book was a scientific biography of Margaret Alice Murray, *The Life of Margaret Alice Murray: A Woman's Work in Archaeology* (2013). Throughout the research for that and her second book, *My Dear Miss Ransom...: Letters Between Caroline Ransom Williams and James Henry Breasted, 1898-1935* (2018), she found so many of Egyptology's missing women in archives spread all over the world. She wanted to tell those stories, but her third monograph, *Tea on the Terrace: Hotels and Egyptologists' Social Networks, 1885-1925* (2022) focused on social and professional networking among Egyptologists in European-run Egyptian hotels. Her most recent book, *Women in the Valley of the Kings: The Untold Story of Women Egyptologists in the Gilded Age* (2024) is a grand

retelling of the history of Egyptology through the work that women did. These are the women whose lives and work built the discipline of Western Egyptology. Her forthcoming work includes a four-volume set of primary sources in Egyptology (Routledge) and a chapter about Archibald Sayce's life on his dahabeah *Ištar*. She is also working on Kate Bradbury's travel journal from her US trip from 1889-1890, with Amelia Edwards.

At Missouri S&T, where she has been on faculty since 2011, she teaches undergraduate general survey courses. In her History of Science courses, sadly, she only talks about Egyptology for one lecture. She is also the Director of the Research Center for Science, Technology, and Society.

EES (ONLINE) ANNUAL LECTURE

These Thy Libations, Osiris! The Awakening of Osiris Ritual and Tutankhamun's Tomb (KV62) with Nicholas Brown

Saturday 29th November 2024 at 18:00 (UK)

Read more and book your ticket here:

<https://www.ees.ac.uk/whats-on/events/these-thy-libations-osiris-the-awakening-of-osiris-ritual-and-tutankhamun-s-tomb-kv62.html>

THE EGYPT EXPLORATION SOCIETY

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If you are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting, but unable to attend live, you may vote by proxy:

- Please complete **all** fields below – incomplete proxy forms will not be considered
- Fill in your own name and address
- Decide whom you wish to be your proxy. If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chair of the Meeting, delete the words in *italics* and insert the name and address of the proxy of your choice,
- Decide whether you wish to direct your proxy to vote as he/she thinks fit, or whether you wish to direct him/her to vote as you instruct.
- Complete the proxy voting form below and return it to: The Egypt Exploration Society, 3 Doughty Mews, London WC1N 2PG, or trustees@ees.ac.uk, by 16:00 on Thursday 27th November 2025. Any proxy voting forms received after this time will be invalid and will not be effective in appointing a proxy.

PROXY VOTING FORM

Name of member appointing the proxy:

Address of member:

I am a member of the Egypt Exploration Society and hereby appoint *the Chair of the Meeting*

Or, Name of proxy:

Address of proxy:

as my proxy to vote in my name and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Egypt Exploration Society to be held on 29th November 2025, and at any adjournment thereof, including for the avoidance of doubt on any poll called on any of the resolutions.

This form is to be used in respect of the resolutions mentioned below as follows:	For	Against	Abstain	As the proxy thinks fit
To receive the Minutes of the last AGM				
To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for 2024-25				
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To elect Sue Preston as Trustee from 1 st December 2025				
To elect Kathleen Sheppard as a Trustee				

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote on the resolutions described above or abstain from voting as he or she thinks fit, as he or she may on any other matter to arise at the Meeting.

Signed

Dated