

University of Edinburgh Graduates' Association – AGM 2024

Interim Editor's Report

1. Journal Production

The next issue of the *Journal*—Vol 51, Issue 2—is with the printer and nearing the end of production. We expect dispatch of the *Journal* to take place in early February. A number of advanced copies have been brought to this meeting for members to review. We have ordered 1,000 copies with this print run to ensure that we will have enough of these new issues, focussing on the centenary of Eric Liddell's success in 1924, for promotional purposes and sale in the Visitor Centre. A number of issues will also be dispatched to significant members of the University community, and possibly to the Eric Liddell Community in Morningside.

2. Communications

With Vol 51, Issue 2 of the *Journal*, we have included a short statement from the Vice President, Ann Henderson, which informs our readership of some of the difficulties UEGA has experienced in the last year. Included here is advanced notice that a letter will be forthcoming to all members as an update on their membership, and information about delayed subscription payments. The note also calls for volunteers to help with the organisation of future events, and to serve on the Executive Committee.

3. Forthcoming Issues of the *Journal*

The Editorial Team is actively sourcing articles for the next issue of the *Journal*—Vol 51, Issue 3—which is due to appear in Summer 2024. We have a number of articles promised and in production for that issue, including several legacy pieces and some original writing. These include a modern commentary from Estates and Buildings on 'University Development' by E Appleton, 'On Scots and Swiss' by Bruce Taylor, and contributions from Katie Hardwick, EUSA VP, and others.

4. Centennial Business Scenario

The Editorial Team has been working closely with the Hon. Treasurer to produce a broad business case for the future of the *Journal*, using currently available figures and projecting over five years. The Interim Editor has met unofficially with Vice Principal Chris Cox, who has indicated that this kind of document would be most welcome. The current draft will benefit from feedback at the next meeting with D&A. However, the last meeting of the Executive Committee in January 2024 reviewed and approved the draft for use moving forward. Further, a covering letter was drafted by the President and Vice President to accompany the plan, mandating the Interim Editor to act as general negotiator on the *Journal's* side. A meeting has now been called of the *Journal* Implementation Group to finalise the plan according to feedback from the D&A Team. Once both sides agree that the plan is realistic and represents the best interests of all stakeholders, it will be submitted via D&A to the University as a formal application for funding and support.

This meeting was due to take place on 7 February 2024 but has been delayed due to illness. A rescheduled meeting will be held as soon as possible, and an update will be brought to a future meeting of the Executive Committee for discussion.

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