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Dear Members,

Happy New Year and all best wishes for 2015!

As many of you will know, at the last AGM, held at the magnificent Shard building in central London on 28 November 2014, Sarah Knight, Andrew Taylor and Ingrid de Smet stepped down as President, Secretary and Treasures respectively. The SNLS owes them a huge debt of gratitude for their many years of tireless and efficient service and the many initiatives they have launched. We are grateful that all of them have agreed to stay on as members of the Executive Committee, so that there is some continuity and we do not lose their expertise. As you will see from the AGM minutes (attached), Gesine Manuwald, Paul White and Luke Houghton have been elected to take over; and Victoria Moul was re-elected as Vice-President. All of us are honoured by the confidence placed in us, and we will aim to continue activities launched by our predecessors and expand them where possible.

One element we would like to introduce is a quarterly Newsletter, of which you are currently reading the first instalment. Since this is the first of its kind and there are a few changes to report on, it is more narrative in character. In future we envisage the Newsletters to be a more like digests of recent publications, calls for papers, notices of events, job and funding opportunities, Society news etc. If you have any pieces of information that you would like to have circulated, please send it to me (g.manuwald@ucl.ac.uk), and it will be included in the next edition.

In future, all the notices that appear in the Newsletter will also go up on the website at about the same time (<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/>). The website will remain linked to Warwick, and Ingrid has very kindly agreed to continue looking after it. The entire website will be updated and expanded over the next few weeks, since an up-to-date website is very important for the Society's visibility and publicity in this day and age. Again, if you have any suggestions of what should go on the website, please send them to me, since I am in the process of collating the necessary updates to forward to Ingrid shortly.



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We will continue with the AGM and annual lecture in November: we are aiming at rotating the venue and may slightly tweak the format (more of this in due course). In addition we would like to continue the momentum of graduate events and carry on with an annual event for graduate students in the spring, which will also allow us to get together on a half-yearly basis at different institutions and exchange ideas (more information on the 2015 events in the next edition; just note for your diaries that the AGM has been scheduled for 27 November 2015 at the Inns of Court in London). In the longer term we might think of organizing another SNLS conference. Here too, if any members would like to offer venues or have suggestions for themes for events, please let us know.

We would also like to revive work on the wonderful Neo-Latin teaching anthology on the Society's website. Sarah Knight has now officially become its general editor. If you are willing to contribute something or update an existing contribution, please contact Sarah (sk218@leicester.ac.uk).

Further, I am delighted to report that SNLS is now officially affiliated with

- SEMCR (<http://semcr.weebly.com/links.html>) and
- CRSN (<http://www.open.ac.uk/arts/research/crsn/news/the-society-neo-latin-studies-joins-crsn>).

Finally, may I remind you that the membership year for the SNLS is the academic year? Therefore membership fees are now due for the academic year 2014/15. If you have not already done so, please contact the new treasurer (Luke Houghton, lbthoughton@hotmail.com), to make your payment. If at all possible, we would appreciate if you could set up a standing order for annual payment on 1 October, since this would reduce the administrative effort considerably and would enable better financial planning (form attached).

If anyone no longer wants to be a member, please let us know (either myself or the new secretary Paul White, p.m.white@leeds.ac.uk), and we will delete your name from the circulation list. We are also updating the membership list on the website, and if anyone would



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not like their details (name, affiliation and email address) published, please let us know, and we will delete it or, if this is the general feeling, make the membership page password-protected.

That's it for now. As you can see, we are eager to engage with the membership and provide a forum for interaction. We think that the Society should enable us to share resources and best practice in the field of Neo-Latin studies. So, if you have any comments or suggestions, let us know!

Best wishes,

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(President, SNLS)