



Society for Anglo- Chinese Understanding

2018 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTS

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SACU

The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding (SACU) is a voluntary non-profit making, people-to-people organisation that has been dedicated to promoting understanding and friendship between the peoples of the UK and China since our founding, By Dr Joseph Needham and others, in 1965. SACU is a member-based organisation. We have no political affiliations and are open to all who subscribe to our aims.

SACU mission is

To promote understanding and advance the education of the UK public in all aspects of China and the Chinese People by:

- providing facts and analysis about China – not uncritically but always from a firm basis of friendship
- helping the British people to understand the meaning of China – past and present
- promoting friendship and mutual respect between the peoples of China and the UK.

We aim to promote Understanding – for a purpose

- to help the UK flourish in a world increasingly influenced by China
- to help overcome misplaced suspicion and increase understanding of China within UK
- to help members progress their China-related interests and so to help SACU thrive

SACU also has a role in helping to support Chinese people making their way in the UK as students and workers, with friendship and understanding as well as education in all aspects of living in UK.

PROGRAMME GROUP REPORT –events in 2018

15-18 March 2018: China Exchange Book Fair held by Cypress Books. SACU supported this large event which took place over several days and included SACU VP **Dr Frances Wood** talking about Chinese literature, based on her latest book, *Great Books of China*.

17 April: SACU'S Early Days: SACU ChinaCafé Spring Social for members only. **Zoë Reed**, SACU Chair, introduced SACU and its founder Joseph Needham for the benefit of newer members. **Sally Greenhill** showed photos that she and husband Richard had taken on the 1971 SACU tour and later visits. Sally and Richard are professional photographers and long-standing SACU members. Their photos prompted lively conversation about China at that time and the early days of SACU. Discussion continued afterwards in the Philosophers Bar. Organised by SACU's Recruitment Group and held at King's College London, we are grateful to Lau China Institute for providing the venue.

20 April: China's Belt and Road Initiative: Connecting the World (held at University of Manchester). This panel discussion was planned as our main event for 2018, intended to raise the profile of SACU in Manchester and the North West, following our highly-oversubscribed BRI event in May 2017 in London. The panel included: **Professor Michael Wood** (University of Manchester), historian, writer, broadcaster and presenter of the BBC's *The Story of China*; **Shao Zheng**, Counsellor for Policy Analysis and Strategic Planning, Chinese Embassy to the United Kingdom; **Hon. Alderman Mushtaq Lasharie CBE**, former Councillor and Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Chairman Third World Solidarity. **Afzal Khan CBE**, MP for Manchester Gorton gave the Welcome Address, and **Rhys Whalley**, Manchester China Forum also contributed.

The event was very well-received with some 70 people attending, several expressing an interest afterwards in supporting future North West events and developing a Manchester group. There have since been more meetings and get-togethers. Thanks to Dr Jenny Clegg, SACU Vice President, supported by Walter Fung, who brought together this excellent panel of speakers, organised the venue, and gained the support of the Chinese Economics Association, the Confucius Institute at the University and Third World Solidarity who also sponsored the refreshments.

21 April: TEAM SACU, a group of (younger) SACU members including Yuan Gao, SACU Treasurer, and Cai Chen, SACU Council member, ran in the Music Fun Run and raised £60 for the George Hogg Education Fund (Well done!)

14 July: AGM and talks. This year it was the turn of The Meridian Society to organise the day. **Walter Fung**, SACU Council member and *China Eye* editor presented his photos of the previous year's tour of Shandong and **Tommaso Gianni** gave a presentation on Wushu.

26-29 September: Visit of ICCIC delegation led by its Chair, **Michael Crook**. The International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Co-operatives (ICCIC) were celebrating the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives – Gung Ho movement. In an extremely short stay, the delegation managed to visit all the main UK sites associated with George Hogg (1915-1945), journalist,

vocational teacher and key player in the wartime Gung Ho co-operative movement in China's North West. They visited: St George's School, Harpenden (George Hogg's old school); Needham Research Institute in Cambridge; Rochdale Pioneers Museum, birthplace of the modern co-operative movement; Co-operative College in Manchester; Wadham College, Oxford University (George Hogg's former college). With careful co-ordination between several SACU members for the various stages of their tour, we managed to have useful discussions and help the delegation achieve the aims of their visit so many thanks to all SACU members involved.

28 November: St George's School, Harpenden and 4 December: Oundle School, Northamptonshire: Essay Competition Awards Ceremonies:

SACU and Peking University again sponsored the annual essay competition on the theme of friendship and understanding between the peoples of UK and China, with SACU VP Frances Wood head of the judging panel. **Professor Sun Hua** presented cheques and certificates to the prize winners at two separate ceremonies enjoyed by the students and several SACU members. Numbers of entrants were low in both competitions, but it was worthwhile for the students involved and we plan to develop the competition next year to more schools.

It proved difficult to fix dates for the Programme Group to meet during the year, so more planning was conducted by email and phone calls than face-to-face meetings. Some events were postponed several times for various reasons, which is inevitable with programme planning, but can be frustrating! SACU's Recruitment Group merged with the Programme Group during the year. The 'SACU Younger People's Group' was formed in 2015 as part of SACU's plans after the 50th anniversary celebrations, to attract younger members into the Society and take it forward. The Group ran two successful series of SACU ChinaCafé events. By 2017 the Group had widened its remit to recruit people generally, with a name change to the 'SACU Recruitment Group'. Diane Davies, Co-ordinator, stepped back during 2018 because of other commitments so the Programme Group took on planning for both general events for the public and members-only SACU ChinaCafés.

As Co-ordinator, Diane Davies did a great deal to attract new, younger members, some now actively participating in the running and development of SACU. I would like to acknowledge and thank Diane for her valuable contribution.

We attract new members with our events, so it is important now that we schedule a longer-term programme and always have a forthcoming event to offer new members. It has been difficult this year to find suitable venues in central London and would always welcome help to secure suitable free (or affordable) venues. We should also reach out to members in other parts of the country and need members who could help set up local groups. We could also use technology in the form of recording or even live-streaming our events, to be broadcast through our website, for the benefit of members (and wider public) who cannot attend our events. We have had several valuable suggestions of themes for future events and I appreciate offers from several SACU members to give talks. There are various ways members can be involved with planning events or helping on the day, so we would always welcome any offers of help – the more people to help the more we can do.

Ros Wong
Outgoing Programme Group Co-ordinator
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LOCAL GROUPS' ACTIVITIES

Manchester

Since our very well attended panel discussion on China's Belt and Road Initiative last May, we have held a number of meetings and events. These were: a meal with the

ICCIC delegation and a seminar sharing experiences from the cooperative movements in Britain and China at the Cooperative College, Manchester; a slide show and talk by Walter Fung on the SACU tour to Western China; a meeting on China and the Korean nuclear crisis with Jenny Clegg in conversation with author, Glyn Ford; a Chinese New Year meal at the Yang Sing restaurant. Our newly inaugurated Manchester SACU China chat group has had two discussions - one comparing British and Chinese education experiences and one on poverty eradication in China. We have also set up a Manchester SACU Facebook page. We will be holding our own annual review in July when we will also look to the year ahead. We are very grateful for the encouragement and support we have received from SACU nationally, from the Chair, Zoë Reed, and from individual SACU office holders, throughout the year and at our events.

Jenny Clegg
Manchester Local Group Co-Ordinator

Yorkshire and Humberside

SACU is sad to announce that long-standing Council member Haris Livas-Dawes passed away in May this year. This is an extract from the obituary carried in Summer China Eye which was put together by those who knew her well and we are particularly grateful to long time member Brian Morgan in this regard.

Haris was very active in artistic, museum, and environmental circles, and wrote and published widely. She met Brian Morgan when she asked him if he would give a series of lectures on Chinese Art in a prestigious gallery in Hull. She wanted to put on activities for the "China in Yorkshire Year" 2008/09 as the whole of East Yorkshire seemed to have been virtually forgotten in this significant county-wide event.

She was deeply involved in local communities in Hull, lobbying and active on a number of issues. Brian Morgan introduced Haris to SACU and together they formed a SACU Yorkshire group. Haris first contributed to China Eye in 2011. She supplied reports to Council as well as for China Eye and photographs of the SACU Yorkshire group.

She wrote her first 'Reading about China' in the Spring 2011 issue of China Eye with a review of five books. From that time on, she submitted her 'Reading About China' for virtually every issue of China Eye. Walter estimates she must have reviewed about 80 or more books from a wide variety of subjects about China. She took great care in her manuscripts, he never had to correct them Walter says, and her last submission was on 4th May this year.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership levels remained stable during 2018 with small spikes in new member applications after each event we held. Our membership is spread across the UK, with overseas members in Europe, USA, Canada, India and China.

The General Data Protection Act (GDPR), a new EU data privacy law, came into effect on 25 May 2018. It introduced new requirements on how organisations process personal data. The news that all businesses and charities would have to comply by 25 May caused Council much consternation (as it did for other small charities). Discussion amongst SACU officers resulted in our taking the view that, as a membership organisation, we have a 'legitimate interest' to hold personal data and we have always protected our members' privacy. The Membership Secretary emailed a notice to all members and we added an updated 'Privacy Policy' at <https://sacu.org/privacy-policy.html>

July brought the distressing news that Chris Henson, Membership Secretary for more than seven years, had developed health problems and would have to stand down as 'MemSec' and limit his participation in SACU affairs to compiling the monthly eNewsletter as well as continuing his work to develop the SACU authors' page on the website.

I offered to take over membership responsibilities and this change of officer coincided with other changes, presenting the opportunity to find more efficient, less time-consuming ways of working. Many extra tasks had fallen to Chris because he was the only officer with access to the membership database, so we decided to move the membership data from Rob Stallard's program to another platform which could be accessed by multiple users. Rob Stallard, SACU VP, wrote SACU's membership program over 20 years ago to meet our particular needs. It was an impressive and powerful tool which has served the society well. Pete Jarvis, SACU Webmaster, and Rob extracted the membership data and loaded it into an Excel spreadsheet. We encouraged members to pay their subscriptions by automated payment methods (PayPal, Standing Order and Bank Transfer) which has reduced the administrative burden on both the 'MemSec' and SACU Treasurer.

By the end of the year I was dealing with routine tasks, under Chris's guidance. During the handover period it was difficult to send out renewal reminders so unfortunately some members' subscriptions had lapsed. I therefore started the project to overhaul all the data, contact members about their membership status and bring our records up to date with a view to transferring to a new database during 2019.

As Membership Secretary, Chris Henson has worked tirelessly on membership administrative tasks which can be time-consuming and complicated, and his service is much appreciated. At the same time, he has always been mindful of the much wider role as key point of contact between each member and the society, and he has made an invaluable contribution to SACU's work. I would like to personally thank Chris for his unfailing support and patience during the handover period and beyond and wish him a speedy recovery.

Ros Wong
Incoming Membership Secretary
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TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that SACU's 2018 was a financially successful year thanks to the generous donations to SACU Essay Competition from Peking University in encouraging young British people to know about China. This possibly masks however an underlying shortfall as, for example, the cost of producing and posting China Eye has increased significantly. The Editor of China Eye has successfully reduced the total cost of China Eye in line with the budget of year 2018 by reducing the weight of the magazine to the lowest postage cost and encouraging members to opt for digital China Eye. One major difficulty we came across was the lapse of members, which clearly resulted in a major decrease in the income flow. At last year's AGM we discussed the situation that membership fees have not been increased for a number of years and are relatively low in the market. Therefore, this year, the Council would like to discuss with members the idea of raising the membership fees in line with the market average.

PayPal is now a major tool for both membership fee and donation. I am glad to see more and more members switch to PayPal as the payment method. We still have over one hundred members paying membership in cheques, which requires considerable post-process. We are actively encouraging members to switch to PayPal or standing order to pay the membership fee.

I would urge all members to think of fundraising ideas and to please bring them forward!

SACU's financial accounts for 2018 are attached to this Annual Report.

Yuan Gao

Treasurer

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WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Our new website, launched in March 2018, continues to support our members and has received positive feedback. We had been running it in parallel with the old site, but we recently re-directed traffic so that anyone using sacu.org or sacu.org.uk will reach the new content. The old site has been archived and a small selection of articles have been moved across to the new one.

During the year we added a Books section, with biographies of a few of our author members, plus links to their book catalogues. We welcome details of any other members who would like their work showcased online and Chris Henson is working on this. Our Events Secretary does a great job in updating the site with upcoming events, as well as creating write-ups of past events, and we encourage members to keep an eye out for this.

Our Social Media platforms (Twitter, Facebook and WeChat) are important parts of our overall digital presence and contain much valuable and timely information. Make sure you follow them to keep up-to-date with everything that is going on.

We encourage all members to help us with content on our website and social media channels, so please get in touch with us via articles@sacu.org.uk.

If any members would also like to get involved in the management of our digital spaces we are always looking for keen volunteers, especially if you have previous experience – please contact webmaster@sacu.org.uk. We also welcome feedback and suggestions on what you would like to see on the site, using the same email address.

Pete Jarvis
Webmaster

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CHINA EYE

Sino File has continued to report important developments about China, especially those not covered adequately in the British press. Positive items from the Chinese and British press and internet have been published. Some reports have been brought to my attention by SACU members: Jenny Clegg, Rob Stallard, Brian Morgan and Keith Bennett. Other items have been supplied by Meridian Society members, notably Edith Waldmann.

Cilla Hollman-Sykes has continued to proofread Sino File. I am grateful to regular contributors: Flo and Ivor Kenna, Rob Stallard, Haris Livas-Dawes, David Rosier, Michael Sheringham and especially Ros Wong, who has kept us informed of the SACU forward programme. Other notable contributors have included, Zoë Reed, Andrew Hicks and Chris Henson. New contributors have included recently-joined Manchester members,

Bryan Sitch and Kevin Harrison. Thank you to all contributors and to those who have given advice, encouragement and help in many other ways; I do appreciate it.

As part of my SACU council duties, I coordinated the New Silk Road tour to China in October 2018. Eventually a party of 10 was assembled from SACU, the Scotland China Association (SCA) and the Meridian Society. Tour arrangements were made by Janice Dickson of Dickson Travel, chair of the SCA, who is also a SACU member, to whom thanks are due for her patience and flexibility.

An important development this year has been the limiting of China Eye to 28 pages so the magazine weighs less than 100g and thus keeps within the postage cost band of 79p. The next price band is £1.26 and so this exercise results in considerable postage savings for SACU – in fact about £127 per issue (of 270 copies) and £508 over a year. The quality of the magazine has been maintained by better use of page space and omitting less important items. This forms part of the overall programme to save costs and provide better value for money for SACU members; a significant part of their subscription was, in fact, going to the Post Office!

After nearly 16 years and 62 issues of China, I feel it is time to look for a successor. We must look to the future. I have found this work very satisfying in bringing members' attention to positive aspects of China and generally spreading knowledge of this country's history and culture. I believe these to be important to achieve SACU's mission of fostering friendship and understanding China better. As a British Born Chinese who grew up in a Western environment, I see the need for it probably more than average.

Walter Fung

China Eye Editor

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Members Monthly News and Events eNewsletter

The SACU newsletter has been edited by our Membership Secretary for as long as I have been a member (approximately 10 years) although there is nothing in our charter that allocates the role specifically to that position. When our VP Rob Stallard stepped back from Membership duties earlier in the decade, he subsequently passed the newsletter role over to me in 2015. Due to health considerations, I have recently passed MemSec responsibilities over to Ros Wong, but am willing to remain as Newsletter editor for as long as SACU wishes me to do so.

SACU is a national organization in a decidedly '*London-centric*' country. Many of our members are based in and around London and others live in the metropolitan areas of the North - Manchester, York, Liverpool and Sheffield. There are smaller concentrations in the cities of Oxford, Cambridge and Cardiff. We also have a growing number of members in the Internet and International/Overseas communities. What our members share, wherever they live, is an admiration for China's people and culture and an abiding interest in the country's history.

Our goal with each issue of the newsletter is first, to deliver a concise, 10-to-12 item summary of what we feel will interest and inform our members. Fortunately for our purposes, there are enough Confucius Institutes, museums and British Universities

active throughout the country to provide members with access to historical and cultural presentations close to where they live. Secondly, we use the newsletter to help members stay in touch with trends and developments in China. We find the **South China Morning Post**, as well as a number of other periodicals and journals like **The People's Daily** and **Xinhuanet**, to be more than sufficient. Third, we aim to involve our members as much as possible in the newsletter itself by soliciting their recommendations for presentations and news stories and also, when possible, making their own material available to the membership. Any suggestions that might improve the scope and focus of the newsletter will be gratefully received and appreciated.

Chris Henson

Members eNewsletter editor

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Council of Management and Executive Committee

Vacancy	President		
Jane Hadley	Vice President	Zoe Reed	SACU Chair
Frances Wood	Vice President	Corinne Attwood	Honorary Secretary
Jenny Clegg	Vice President	Yuan Gao	Treasurer
Rob Stallard	Vice President	Ros Wong	Events & Membership
		Chris Henson	Members eNewsletter
		Walter Fung	China Eye
		Cai Chen	Marketing
		Pete Jarvis	Webmaster
		Andrew Hicks	
		Linda Rosen	
		Ivor Kenna	
		Florence Kenna	

The Council has held four meetings in 2018 – 3 in London and 1 in Manchester. The Executive Committee, comprising Zoë Reed Chair, Yuan Gao Treasurer, Corinne Attwood Secretary and Ros Wong Membership Secretary/Events Coordinator, meets four times a year in between Council meetings. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to progress work between Council meetings. It sometimes meets in face to face meetings and sometimes meets 'virtually' through SACU's virtual office in Microsoft Office TEAMS. We have a number of working groups and sub committees – the Programme Group, which meets immediately after Council meetings and the Digital Communications Group. The Archives Project and the George Hogg Cooperative Education Fund both have Council members in addition to the Executive Committee who are taking the work forward.

Corinne Attwood

Secretary

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

2018 has been another busy year for SACU with a growing number and variety of events. Council officers all work hard for SACU, fitting it in around their busy lives. The reports above don't really capture just how much is involved and I'm very grateful to everyone for their important contribution to sustaining SACU. This report of the Council of Management summarises our activities over the year and we would as ever encourage members to get in touch and suggest and then help organise events that encompass your particular areas of interest. As a membership organisation we need the active involvement of all our members to survive and thrive!

I am taking this opportunity to look back over 2018 but also to bring members up to speed with activities in the first half of 2019.

I've summarised 6 broad themes for my Review

1. Providing the context to support members in promoting friendship and understanding

SACU needs to be an organisation with an active and engaged membership promoting SACU's core mission of friendship and understanding between the peoples of UK and China. Council has focused on providing opportunities where members can progress their areas of expertise and interest in furtherance of our mission. The upcoming expansion of the Essay competition is a case in point where any SACU member with a connection to a school can use it as a reason to engage with the school and promote our core message. We have held free public events giving members the opportunity to introduce friends to SACU and its work and have recruited new members via that route. Of particular note is the work Jenny Clegg has been doing to develop interest in Manchester – including SACU ChinaChats where people can talk together on themes that enhance their understanding of China. This is similar to the SACU ChinaCafe model that provides member-only space for members to work together on issues that enhance knowledge, friendship and understanding.

2. Working in and with China and the Chinese

The best way, scientifically demonstrated, to reduce stigma is people to people contact. There is a lot of stigma about China and the Chinese people and our mission is to build friendship and understanding – hence encouraging more people of Chinese heritage as well as Chinese nationals to join SACU and get involved. We supported a number of individual and group delegations with connections to SACU's history to enjoy people to people contact by helping them link up with areas of historical interest. We are trying to modernise the meaning of 'friendship and understanding' to encompass for example an exploration of UK/Chinese different perspectives on mental health and wellbeing. Our Essay competition is another example as is the current proposals to set up a Beijing Group. Our George Hogg Cooperative Education Fund has made slow progress at least partly due to delays in China as well as our poor fundraising skills – please get involved if you can help!

3. Modernising operations and increasing *vm*

All small charities struggle with finances and ours is no exception. Costs are rising alongside our ambitions and we are attending to how we can achieve more *value for money* with every pound of your income. One of the cost effective ways to fulfil our mission is to reach more people and in this day and age active website and social media presence is vital. We really could do with more help to develop our presence in these arenas and maximise our digital reach beyond our membership. We recognise that time and travel costs money in addition to venue hire for meetings, so are thinking of taking the brave step [!] of holding virtual business meetings through our Microsoft Office TEAMS set up. Much as I love the paper copy of China Eye, the cost of postage and printing digs deep into our limited resources so we are grateful to those members who are opting for pdf only. We have no paid administrative support and are reliant on the enormous free work of particularly Ros Wong in her role as Membership Secretary and

Events Coordinator. Is this model sustainable though in the long-term? We have to consider how best to invest your money.

4. Capturing and capitalising on our history

Many people are drawn to SACU because of its unique history and commitment to continuously promoting friendship and understanding over more than 50 years. But we need to capture this – and fast whilst we still have SACU members who remember the early days. So the Archive Project is seeking funding to do this work.

5. Partnership working

We are very grateful to our longstanding partners who recognise the benefit of working with us to mutual benefit. We want to particularly record our thanks to Lau China Institute, Kings College London, Manchester University and EY London for their sponsorship and provision of venues during this year. Without the provision of free venues we would simply be unable to do most of what we do. We have been approached by universities to be involved in funding bids and where this is at no cost to SACU and in furtherance of SACU's mission we are pleased to accept. Continuing to develop new partnerships is something we are keen to do so please think about introductions you could make – we want to support you to take forward your China-related friendship and understanding opportunities.

6. Friendship with allied organisations

SACU also continues to build friendships with organisations allied to our mission including the CPAFFC, the Chinese Embassy, friendship associations from other parts of China and the world, the ICCIC, Needham Research Institute and various organisations that are connected with Needham and George Hogg here and in China including the schools each attended. We work similarly with organisations such as the Meridian Society, the Scotland China Association, and have joined a number of networks like Generation UK which all help to build our alliances and enable us to progress our mission.

Summary

SACU continues to make progress in delivering its mission in keeping with the original values of Joseph Needham and friends when they established SACU more than 50 years ago. However, it is doing it in the recognition that China and the world are now significantly different 50 years later so there is need to change the way we operate, the channels we communicate through and the subjects we work on. Fundamentally as a membership organisation we want to create an infrastructure which encourages members to get involved including pursue their own China-related interests. If more and more members become active and contribute their areas of interest and expertise we will be delivering our mission of promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and UK. Please get in touch and get involved!

Zoë Reed
Chair
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at 11.30am on Saturday 20th July 2019.

Venue: St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, Knightsbridge, London

All members are warmly invited to attend.

The **purpose** of the AGM is to transact the following business:

- To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Council of Management including the Review of the Year and the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018.
- To elect the members of the Council of Management.
- To transact any other ordinary business of an AGM.

AGM Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Messages and apologies for absence
3. Formal business:
 - i. Minutes of the 2017 AGM (available at the meeting)
 - ii. Election of tellers if necessary
 - iii. Election to Council vacancies: At each AGM one-half of the elected members of the Council retire from office and are then eligible for re-election.
4. The Council has a Report of the Council of Management 2018 – each officer will present their section and there will then be time for questions and discussion
 - o Events – Ros Wong Events Programme Coordinator [outgoing]
 - o Local Groups activities – Jenny Clegg Manchester
 - o Membership – Ros Wong Membership Secretary [incoming]
 - o Members eNewsletter – Chris Henson Membership Secretary
 - o Website – Pete Jarvis Webmaster
 - o China Eye – Walter Fung China Eye Editor
 - o Treasurer's Report – Yuan Gao Treasurer
 - o Council administration – Corinne Attwood Secretary
 - o Review of the year – Zoë Reed Chair
 - o Questions and Discussion

maximum of 21 members excluding Vice-Presidents Jenny Clegg; Jane Hadley; Rob Stallard; Frances Wood who are appointed; Yuan Gao as the Treasurer is

excluded from the count. The Council members due to retire and stand for re-election are Cai Chen; Pete Jarvis; Andrew Hicks; Walter Fung; Linda Rosen. There are 12 existing and retiring members so that leaves a further potential 9 vacancies to be filled in addition to the retiring members. Nominations have been sought and Corinne Attwood will report on the nominations received.

5. Formal adoption of the Annual Accounts 2018 - to be presented to AGM
6. Discussion on the SACU/Peking University Joint Essay Competition
7. Discussion on the need to increase membership subscriptions
8. Motion submitted by Council
 - that each category of subscription be increased by £5.00
 - to apply the new rate for all new members and on renewal for existing members
9. Any other business
10. Close

2017		2018
	FIXED ASSETS	
	Office Equipment at cost	
	Less Depreciation	
0	Net Written Down Value	0
	CURRENT ASSETS	
12401	Balance at Bank	12537
0	Debtors	0
12401		12537
	Less CURRENT LIABILITIES	
0	Creditors	0
1724	Deferred Income to 2019	310
1724		0
10677	SURPLUS OF CURRENT ASSET OVER LIABILITIES	12227
	REPRESENTED BY:	
10883	ACCUMULATED FUND BROUGHT FORWARD	10677
(206)	SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR	1550
10677	ACCUMULATED FUND AT THE END OF YEAR	12227

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR(S)

For the year ending 31st December 2018 the company was entitled to exemption from audit section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved and signed on behalf of the board of directors by

.....(.....) Director,

on2019.

SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING LTD.**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

2017		2018
INCOME		
4556	Membership subscriptions applicable to 2018	2882
320	Donations/Fundraising	178
1030	George Hogg Education Fund	805
35	Advertising Income	0
32	Interest Received	32
70	Events	0
0	Essay Competition Fund	2000
145	Misc	0
6188		5897
EXPENDITURE		
756	Council expenditure	493
3262	China Eye Printing & Postage	2813
185	Website	0
1074	Administration	0
133	AGM	76
0	Events & Publicity	940
986	Room Hire	24
6395		4346
£(206)	NET SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE YEAR	£1550