

# ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP on MODERN LANGUAGES



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## APPG on Modern Languages – AGM

Monday 22 May, 4pm – 4.45pm

### Minutes

#### Parliamentary attendees:

Baroness Blower  
Nia Griffith MP (Chair of the APPG)  
Baroness Coussins (Co-Chair of the APPG)  
Baroness Garden of Frognal (Vice-Chair of the APPG)  
Baroness Hooper  
Lord Mountevans  
Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve

#### 1) Election of Officers

The Officers of the APPG were unanimously re-elected:

Chair: Nia Griffith MP (Lab)  
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Lord Dykes (Crossbench)  
Baroness Garden of Frognal (LD)  
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#### 2) Income & Expenditure statement

The Income & Expenditure statement was unanimously approved.

Although the £12,500 threshold for reporting was not reached in this reporting year, the APPG decided to produce an Income & Expenditure statement voluntarily in the interests of transparency; and while the statement will not be recorded officially, the APPG will keep the statement on record.

The APPG noted that the current Secretariat arrangements (funded by CIOL, with the support of the British Academy and the British Council), will continue through 2023-24 on the same basis as the previous financial year 2022-23.

#### 3) Annual Report

The APPG voluntarily produced an Annual Report, summarising the meetings and activities of the Group over the reporting year. This Annual Report was unanimously approved.

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## **4) Priorities for 2023-24**

Members discussed ideas for policy focus areas and meetings in the coming reporting year.

## **5) AOB**

The APPG noted the proposals published by the Committee on Standards to update the rules for APPGs (<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/290/committee-on-standards/news/194642/committee-announces-new-proposals-to-tighten-rules-and-improve-transparency-around-allparty-parliamentary-groups/>)