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FORM AR21

To be used for reporting years starting on or after 6 April 2015

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:

Year ended:

List no:

Head or Main Office:

Website address (if available)

Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates? Yes No (Click the appropriate box)

General Secretary:

Telephone Number:

Contact name for queries regarding

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE NOTES IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS RETURN.

Any difficulties or problems in the completion of this return should be directed to the Certification Officer as below or by telephone to: 020 7210 3734

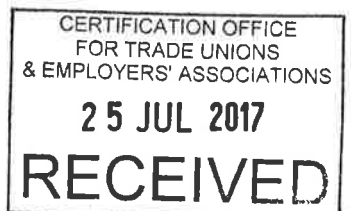
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Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations
Lower Ground Floor, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8JX

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Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations
Melrose House, 69a George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2JG



(Revised June 2017)

The Society of Authors

**Company Information
for the Year Ended 31 December 2016**

DIRECTORS:

Mr E Clark
Mr D C P Donachie
Mr D Hahn
Dr P J Groves
Dr J M S Harris
Ms L A D Hawksley
Ms A Klaushofer
Ms J Laurence
Ms C A Lee
Mr C Palliser
Ms C Rees

SECRETARY:

Ms N Solomon

REGISTERED OFFICE:

84 Drayton Gardens
London
SW10 9SB

REGISTERED NUMBER:

00019993 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

Knox Cropper
8/9 Well Court
London
EC4M 9DN

RETURN OF MEMBERS

(see notes 10 and 11)

	NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR				
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	TOTALS
MALE	4136	26	44	327	4533
FEMALE	4865	33	31	376	5305
TOTAL	9001	59	75	703	A 9838

Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:

0
9838

Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund

OFFICERS IN POST

(see note 12)

Please attach as an annexe to this form a complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this form relates, with the title of each persons office.

RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Please complete the following to record any changes of officers during the twelve months covered by this return.

Title of Office	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date
DIRECTOR	MRS N. C. BEAUMAN	DR J. M. S. HARRIS	22/11/16
DIRECTOR	MS N. LEYSHON	MS C. A. LEE	22/11/16
DIRECTOR	MRS A. M. D. LYCEPT	MS C. REES	22/11/16
DIRECTOR	MR J. W. HORWOOD		21/3/16

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:

GENERAL FUND

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
INCOME		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		821,405
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		—
Total other income from members		—
Total of all income from members		821,405
Investment income (as at page 12)		85,575
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		—
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		479,824
Total of other income (as at page 4)		479,824
	TOTAL INCOME	1,386,804
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		141,950
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		1,125,669
Federation and other bodies (specify)		—
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		36,883
Taxation		—
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,304,502
Surplus (deficit) for year		82,301
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		4,106,943
Amount of general fund at end of year		4,189,245

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES AND OTHER INCOME

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
Federation and other bodies		
TOTAL FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES		
Other income		
<i>COMMISSIONS ON ROYALTY COLLECTIONS</i>		<i>83,500</i>
<i>ROYALTY INCOME</i>		<i>49,354</i>
<i>MANAGEMENT FEES</i>		<i>111,890</i>
<i>OTHER INCOME</i>		<i>306</i>
<i>DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</i>		<i>50,358</i>
<i>INVESTMENT REVALUATION</i>		<i>184,416</i>
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		<i>479,824</i>
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER INCOME		<i>479,824</i>

ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation – Employment Related Issues		brought forward	112,585
		Education and Training services	
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications	112,585		
		Salary Costs	
Advisory Services			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	29,365
Dispute Benefits		AGM & EVENTS 9,541	
		GROUP ACTIVITIES 19,824	
Other Cash Payments			
carried forward	112,585	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	141,950

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

FUND 3		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		

Number of members contributing at end of year

(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 1		To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own fund	
		£	£
Income	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
		Total other income as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expenditure		
		Total expenditure	
		Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount of political fund at beginning of year	
		Amount of political fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
		Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund	
Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund			

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 2		To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union	
		£	£
Income	Contributions and levies collected from members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central political fund		
	Other income (specify)		
		Total other income as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expenditure		
		Total expenditure	
		Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund at beginning of year	
		Amount remitted to central political fund	
		Amount held on behalf of central political fund at end of year	
		Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund	
Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund			

ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND OTHER OUTGOINGS EXCLUDING AMOUNTS CHARGED TO POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNTS

(see notes 32 and 33)

Administrative Expenses		£
Remuneration and expenses of staff		881,910
Salaries and Wages included in above	£	
Auditors' fees		7,200
Legal and Professional fees		23,226
Occupancy costs		48,402
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		77,847
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		10,377
Expenses of conferences		—
Other administrative expenses (specify)		5,540
<i>AFFILIATION FEES</i>		175
<i>GRANTS & DONATIONS</i>		37,004
<i>REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE</i>		
Other Outgoings		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		—
Mortgages		—
Other loans		—
Depreciation		17,643
Taxation (<i>IRRECOVERABLE VAT</i>)		16,335
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		—
Other outgoings (specify)		—
	Total	1,125,669
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	1,125,669
	Fund (Account)	
	Fund (Account)	
	Fund (Account)	
	Fund (Account)	
	Total	1,125,669

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME

(see notes 45 and 46)

	Political Fund £	Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings		55,806
Dividends (gross) from:		
Equities (e.g. shares)		29,591
Interest (gross) from:		
Government securities (Gilts)		—
Mortgages		—
Local Authority Bonds		—
Bank and Building Societies		178
Other investment income (specify)		
		Total investment income
		85,575
Credited to:		
		General Fund (Page 3)
		85,575
		Fund (Account)
		Fund (Account)
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		Fund (Account)
		Political Fund
		Total Investment Income
		85,575

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 DECEMBER 2016

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year		£	£
	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		305,032
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		1,523,187
	Quoted (Market value £)		—
	Unquoted		—
	Total Investments		1,828,219
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		—
	Sundry debtors		40,605
	Cash at bank and in hand		200,753
	Income tax to be recovered		—
	Stocks of goods		—
	Others (specify) <i>INVESTMENT PROPERTY</i>		3,225,000
	Total of other assets		3,466,358
	TOTAL ASSETS		5,294,577
	Fund (Account)		
	Fund (Account)		
	Fund (Account)		
	Superannuation Fund (Account)		
	Political Fund (Account)		
	Revaluation Reserve		
	LIABILITIES		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Loans: From other trade unions		—
	Loans: Other		—
	Bank overdraft		105,246
	Tax payable		28,839
	Sundry creditors		—
	Accrued expenses		—
	Provisions		426,840
	Other liabilities		544,407
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,105,332
	NET TOTAL ASSETS		4,189,245

FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
	Freehold	Leasehold £				
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year	285,499		254,378			539,877
Additions	—		49,724			49,724
Disposals	—		(24,829)			(24,829)
Revaluation/Transfer s	—		—			—
At end of year	285,499		279,273			564,772
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year	36,601		230,325			266,926
Charges for year	2,785		14,858			17,643
Disposals	—		(24,829)			(24,829)
Revaluation/Transfer s	—		—			—
At end of year	39,386		220,354			259,740
Net book value at end of year	246,113		58,919			305,032
Net book value at end of previous year	248,898		24,053			272,951

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

(see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED	All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
Equities (e.g. Shares)	736,453	
Government Securities (Gilts)	45,069	
Other quoted securities (to be specified) <i>OTHER MANAGED FUNDS</i>	741,665	
TOTAL QUOTED (as Balance Sheet)	1,523,187	
Market Value of Quoted Investment	1,523,187	
UNQUOTED Equities		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Bank and Building Societies		
Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
TOTAL UNQUOTED (as Balance Sheet)		

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ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME (CONTROLLING INTERESTS)

<p>Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?</p>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES name the relevant companies:			
COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)		
<p>Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?</p>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.			
COMPANY NAME	NAMES OF SHAREHOLDERS		

(see notes 58 and 59)

SUMMARY SHEET

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
From Members	821,405		821,405
From Investments	85,575		85,575
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	479,824		479,824
Total Income	1,386,804		1,386,804
EXPENDITURE			
(including decreases by revaluation of assets)	1,304,502		
Total Expenditure	1,304,502		1,304,502
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	4,106,943		4,106,943
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	4,189,245		4,189,245
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			305,032
Investment Assets			4,748,187
Other Assets			241,358
		Total Assets	5,294,577
LIABILITIES		Total Liabilities	(1,105,332)
NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			4,189,245

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

(see notes 72 and 73)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS

UNDER FRS102 ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN
RESTATED WITH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES
REVALUED TO MARKET VALUE AND
ADDITIONAL DEFERRED TAX CALCULATED.
THE GENERAL FUND AS AT 31/12/15 WAS
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS £1,152,528.

SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS, NOTE 14 FOR
FULL PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES


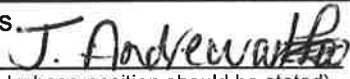
(see notes 74 and 75)

SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS

SIGNATURES TO THE ANNUAL RETURN

(see notes 76 and 77)

including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return.

Secretary's Signature: <u></u> Name: <u>Nicola A. Solomon</u> Date: <u>2/7/17</u>	Chairman's Signature: <u> ACCOUNTANT</u> (or other official whose position should be stated) Name: <u>JON ANDREW WARTHA</u> Date: <u>2/7/17</u>
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CHECK LIST

(see notes 78 to 80)

(please tick as appropriate)

IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN COMPLETED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED? (see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED? (see Notes 8 and 78)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS: (see Note 80)	ENCLOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TO FOLLOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
IS A MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE PROVIDED (See Pages 23 and 24 and Notes 88 to 94)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

(see notes 81 to 86)

made in accordance with section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

1. In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained in this return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate?
(See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 83 and 84)

YES NO

If "No" please explain below.

2. Have the auditors or auditor carried out such investigations in the preparation of their audit report as will enable them to form an opinion as to:
- (a) whether the trade union has kept proper accounting records in accordance with section 28 of the 1992 Act;
 - (b) whether it has maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; and
 - (c) whether the accounts to which the report relates agree with the accounting records?
(See section 36(3) of the 1992 Act, set out in note 83)

YES NO

If "No" please explain below.

3. Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:
- (a) kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
 - (b) established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances.
(See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in rule 83)

YES NO

If "No" please explain below.

4. Please set out a copy of the report made by the auditors or auditor to the union on the accounts to which this AR21 relates. The report is to set out the basis upon which the audit has been conducted and/or such other statement as the auditor considers appropriate. Such a statement may be provided as a separate document.
(See note 85)

SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS

AUDITOR'S REPORT (section one)

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	<i>Knox Cropper</i>	
Name(s):	KNOX CROPPER	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS REGISTERED AUDITORS	
Address(es):	819 WELL COURT LONDON E4M 7DN	
Date:	21 st July 2017	
Contact name and telephone number:	KEVIN LALLY 020 7332 6400	

N.B. When notes to the accounts are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE

(see notes 88 to 94)

made in accordance with section 24ZD of the
Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

At the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates was the total membership of the trade union greater than 10,000?

YES/NO

If "YES" please complete SECTION ONE below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21.

If "NO" please complete SECTION TWO below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE SECTION ONE

For a trade union with more than 10,000 members, required by section 24ZB of the 1992 Act to appoint an independent assurer

1. In the opinion of the assurer appointed by the trade union was the union's system for compiling and maintaining its register of the names and addresses of its members satisfactory to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in its register were accurate and up-to-date throughout the reporting period?

YES/NO

2. In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the information and explanations necessary for the performance of his/her functions?

YES/NO

If the answer to **either** questions 1 or 2 above is "NO" the assurer must:

- (a) set out below the assurer's reasons for stating that
- (b) provide a description of the information or explanation requested or required which has not been obtained
- (c) state whether the assurer required that information or those explanations from the union's officers, or officers of any of its branches or sections under section 24ZE of the 1992 Act
- (d) **send a copy of this certificate to the Certification Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is provided to the union.**

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE

SECTION TWO

For a trade union with no more than 10,000 members at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates.

To the best of your knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied with its duty to compile and maintain a register of the names and addresses of its members and secured, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?

YES NO

If "NO" Please explain below:

Signature	<i>Knox Clapper</i>
Name	<i>KNOX CLAPPER</i>
Office held	<i>Auditor</i>
Date	<i>21st July 2017</i>

**Report of the Directors and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016
for
The Society of Authors**

The Society of Authors

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2016**

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Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2016.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Society in the year under review was to protect the rights and further the interests of authors of all kinds of literary works and publications.

DIVIDENDS

Under item IV of the Society's Memorandum of Association, no dividend may be paid by the Society.

Shareholders have no right to participate in any surplus either by way of dividends or on winding up, and as a result the shareholders interests are limited to the Called Up Share Capital.

DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2016 to the date of this report.

Mr E Clark
Mr D C P Donachie
Mr D Hahn
Dr P J Groves
Ms L A D Hawksley
Ms A Klaushofer
Ms J Laurence
Mr C Palliser

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

Dr J M S Harris - appointed 22 November 2016
Ms C A Lee - appointed 22 November 2016
Ms C Rees - appointed 22 November 2016
Mrs N C Beauman - resigned 22 November 2016
Mr J W Horwood - resigned 21 March 2016
Ms N Leyshon - resigned 22 November 2016
Mr A M D Lycett - resigned 22 November 2016

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Report of the Directors
for the Year Ended 31 December 2016**

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Knox Cropper, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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Director

Date:

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Society of Authors

We have audited the financial statements of The Society Of Authors for the year ended 31 December 2016 on pages six to twelve. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page two, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Directors to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Society of Authors**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Kevin Lally

Kevin Lally (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Knox Cropper
8/9 Well Court
London
EC4M 9DN

Date: *21st July 2017*.....

The Society of Authors

Income Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
INCOME			
Operating Income		1,066,149	994,394
Investment and Rental Income		85,575	95,020
Donations and Other Income		50,664	3,301
Total Income		<u>1,202,388</u>	<u>1,092,715</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Operating Expenditure		1,267,620	1,162,396
Operating Loss	4	<u>(65,232)</u>	<u>(69,681)</u>
Gain on Investments		184,416	32,118
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation		119,184	(37,563)
Tax on Profit/(Loss)	13	36,883	9,517
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>82,301</u>	<u>(47,080)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Society of Authors (Registered number: 00019993)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2016

	Notes	2016		2015	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		305,032		272,951
Investments	6		1,523,187		1,338,771
Investment property	7		<u>3,225,000</u>		<u>3,225,000</u>
			5,053,219		4,836,722
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	40,605		91,993	
Cash in hand		<u>200,753</u>		<u>134,963</u>	
		241,358		226,956	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>678,492</u>		<u>566,778</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(437,134)		(339,822)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			4,616,085		4,496,900
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	10		<u>426,840</u>		<u>389,957</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>4,189,245</u>		<u>4,106,943</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital			72		72
Capital Reserve			141,482		141,482
Retained earnings			<u>4,047,691</u>		<u>3,965,389</u>
			<u>4,189,245</u>		<u>4,106,943</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. **STATUTORY INFORMATION**

The Society of Authors is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1% on cost
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 20% on cost

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in profit or loss.

Taxation

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

Income

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Members subscriptions are annual payments due at varying dates throughout the year. The amount of subscriptions applicable to any period after the year end is prepaid by the Society and is included in creditors shown in the notes. Other income is also included on the basis of amounts receivable in the year.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

3. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average number of employees during the year was 19. The Directors did not receive any remuneration during the year. The total remuneration of key management personnel amounted to £101,488.

4. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

The operating loss is stated after charging:

	2016 £	2015 £
Depreciation - owned assets	17,643	12,554
Auditors' remuneration	7,200	7,850
Lease costs	<u>20,956</u>	<u>20,956</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and property £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2016	285,499	254,378	539,877
Additions	-	49,724	49,724
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,829)</u>	<u>(24,829)</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>285,499</u>	<u>279,273</u>	<u>564,772</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2016	36,601	230,325	266,926
Charge for year	2,785	14,858	17,643
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,829)</u>	<u>(24,829)</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>39,386</u>	<u>220,354</u>	<u>259,740</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2016	<u>246,113</u>	<u>58,919</u>	<u>305,032</u>
At 31 December 2015	<u>248,898</u>	<u>24,053</u>	<u>272,951</u>

6. **FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Other investments £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 January 2016	1,338,771
Revaluations	<u>184,416</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>1,523,187</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2016	<u>1,523,187</u>
<i>At 31 December 2015</i>	<u>1,338,771</u>

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2016 is represented by:

	Other investments £
Valuation in 2013	524,962
Valuation in 2014	39,778
Valuation in 2015	32,118
Valuation in 2016	184,416
Cost	<u>741,913</u>
	<u>1,523,187</u>

7. **INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	Total £
FAIR VALUE	
At 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016	<u>3,225,000</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2016	<u>3,225,000</u>
<i>At 31 December 2015</i>	<u>3,225,000</u>

8. **DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2016 £	2015 £
Other debtors	<u>40,605</u>	<u>91,993</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2016	2015
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	105,246	67,447
Taxation and social security	28,839	46,829
Other creditors	<u>544,407</u>	<u>452,502</u>
	<u>678,492</u>	<u>566,778</u>

10. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2016	2015
	£	£
Deferred tax	<u>426,840</u>	<u>389,957</u>
		Deferred tax
		£
Balance at 1 January 2016		389,957
Provided during year		<u>36,883</u>
Balance at 31 December 2016		<u>426,840</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Society of Authors is trustee for a number of charitable trusts for which it carries out management services. A management fee is charged which in 2016 amounted to £100,566.

12. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2016 the following operating lease payments are committed to be paid

	2016	2015
	£	£
Expiring:		
Within 1 year	20,956	20,956
Within 2 -5 years	<u>44,669</u>	<u>65,625</u>
	<u>65,625</u>	<u>86,581</u>

13. TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS)

	2016	2015
	£	£
Current Year Corporation Tax Charge	-	-
Movement on Deferred Tax Provision	36,883	9,517

14. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Adjustments following the adoption of FRS 102:

1. Recognition of Investment Property

Of the two buildings that Society of Authors own, part of one building comprises three residential flats which are rented out on a commercial basis. The buildings have been valued and the value of the residential flats has been included as an investment property. There has been no adjustment to this value between 2015 and 2016. In addition, deferred tax has been calculated on the revalued amount.

2. Reconciliation of prior year adjustment

Reconciliation of (loss) for the year ended 31 December 2015

	At 31 December 2015
	£
As previously reported	(47,080)
Movement in property valuation	-
As reported under FRS102	(47,080)

Reconciliation of capital and reserves	At 31 December	At 31 December
	2015	2016
	£	£
As previously reported	1,152,528	1,234,830
Recognition of investment property	3,225,000	3,225,000
Deferred tax provision on investment property	(270,585)	(270,585)
As reported under FRS102	4,106,943	4,189,245

The Society of Authors

**Profit and Loss Account
for the Year Ended 31 December 2016**

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Members Annual Subscriptions	821,405		745,077	
Commissions on Royalty Collections	83,500		80,844	
Royalty Income	49,354		56,769	
Management Fees	111,890		111,704	
Other Income	306		3,295	
Donations and Legacies	50,358		6	
Rents Received Less Expenses	55,806		57,971	
Investment Income	29,769		37,049	
		<u>1,202,388</u>		<u>1,092,715</u>
Other income				
Investment Revaluation		<u>184,416</u>		<u>32,118</u>
		<u>1,386,804</u>		<u>1,124,833</u>
Expenditure				
Salaries	710,116		639,884	
Fees	27,555		38,497	
Employee Benefits	19,994		17,775	
National Insurance Contributions	74,673		67,934	
Pension Contributions	49,572		48,786	
Postage and Communications	26,952		33,376	
Printing and Stationery	11,287		10,685	
Advertising and Marketing	3,763		4,912	
Travelling and Entertaining	10,377		10,310	
Publications and Guides	74,346		78,634	
Rates and Insurance	36,296		35,570	
Cleaning, Heating and Lighting	12,106		17,742	
Repairs and Maintenance	37,004		33,904	
Books, Papers and Subscriptions	4,225		4,064	
AGM and Events	9,541		4,303	
Group Activities	19,824		19,277	
Computer and IT	60,705		51,936	
Sundry Expenses	2,850		2,364	
Affiliation Fees	5,540		4,423	
Professional Fees	23,226		10,389	
Irrecoverable VAT	16,335		-	
Auditors' Remuneration	7,200		7,850	
Grants and Donations	175		350	
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets	17,643		12,554	
Profit/Loss on Sale of Tangible Fixed Assets	-		62	
		<u>1,261,315</u>		<u>1,155,581</u>
Finance costs				
Bank and Card Charges		<u>6,304</u>		<u>6,815</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)		<u>119,185</u>		<u>(37,563)</u>
Tax on Profit/Loss		<u>36,883</u>		<u>9,517</u>
		<u>82,301</u>		<u>(47,080)</u>

Statement to Members

We are required by law to state:

"A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union may take steps with a view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.

"The member may raise any such concern with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with: the officials of the union, the trustees of the property of the union, the auditor or auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

"Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officers or trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice."