Call for Committee Member: Finance Committee at Society of Antiquaries

Location: Burlington House, Piccadilly
Time Commitment: Four Finance Committee meetings per year, plus preparation time in reading papers etc.
Reasonable travel and out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed.

The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee at the Society of Antiquaries plays a critical role in Society business, making recommendations directly to Council. The Committee maintains oversight of the Society's financial affairs, ensuring its financial viability and that proper financial records and procedures are maintained. It also oversees the Society's investment portfolio, ensuring that investments are managed in line with the Society's investment policy, risk appetite and charitable objectives.

Key Responsibilities

- **Strategic Oversight:** Guide the Council on financial strategy and long-term financial sustainability.
- **Investment Oversight:** Oversee the Society's investment portfolio, including reviewing and recommending the investment policy to Council; monitoring performance against agreed objectives and benchmarks; assessing asset allocation, income generation and ethical and responsible investment considerations; and holding the Society's investment managers and advisers to account.
- **Financial Governance:** Ensure the Society complies with relevant legislation, charity commission regulations, and accounting standards.
- **Scrutiny & Reporting:** Review quarterly management accounts, budgets, annual financial statements and regular investment performance reports.
- **Risk Management:** Help identify, monitor, and mitigate financial risks facing the Society, including investment, market and liquidity risks.

Person Specification

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual with a strong background in financial reporting and management, ideally with experience of investment analysis or management, and a commitment to the Society of Antiquaries. Committee members of the Finance Committee need not be a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

- **Qualifications:** A professional financial or investment qualification (e.g., ACA, ACCA, CIMA, CIPFA) is highly desirable, though equivalent senior commercial or investment experience is also useful.

- **Skills:** Proven experience in financial management, budgeting, strategic planning, and risk assessment.
- **Additional Skill:** Investment analysis or management experience, with the ability to scrutinise portfolio performance, challenge investment managers and advise on asset allocation, investment policy and responsible investment, for example in an asset manager, wealth manager, investment bank, pension fund, endowment or comparable charity.
- **Commitment:** A commitment to the charitable objectives of the Society of Antiquaries.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Natasha McEnroe nmcenroe@sal.org.uk

Closing date for expressions of interest:

1st December 2026.