

## **2026 SoAiS AGM: Treasurers Report**

Chair, Mary Paulson-Ellis made this report in place of our Treasurer, Helen Sedgwick who stepped down in July 2025.

Our budget for 2025 was £1500, which is the same amount as for every SoA Nation and Special Interest Group. This represents a standstill amount from 2024. The financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December and money cannot be carried over from one year to the next.

Our spending in 2025 was £1961 - £461 over budget due to rising costs for speaker fees, venue hire, travel, accommodation and subsistence compared to 2024.

Our Scottish budget is primarily for joining Scottish literary sector organisations and for specifically Scottish-led events, including AGMs, as well as committee expenses such as travel and subsistence for Scottish in-person meetings.

Our policy and campaigning work, both internally within SoA and externally across the sector in Scotland, is unpaid for committee members. Our Senior Policy Manager (Scotland) is a member of SoA staff and paid from a separate staff budget accordingly.

We are also fee-paying members of the STUC (Scottish Trades Union Congress) and its Creative Unions Group. The cost of this is around £2.10 per member, and with over 1000 members in Scotland this came to £2,245.61 in 2025. This is paid directly from the central SoA UK budget.

All travel and other expenses for committee members to attend Management Committee meetings and other UK wide activities are covered by SoA centrally.

Our budget for 2026 remains at standstill on £1500 for the year.

<b>SoAiS Expenditure y/e 31.12.2025</b>	
<b>Subscriptions/Memberships</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Publishing Scotland membership	500
Literature Alliance Scotland membership	100
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Other</b>	
Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence: in-person Committee Meeting (May 2025)	716
Room hire: in-person Committee Meeting (May 2025)	117
Events: 2 x speaker fees, Gender Inequality in Scottish Literary Sector	400
Other: gifts for retiring committee members	128
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,361</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,961</b>

Notes:

Subscriptions - expenditure does not include STUC Membership fees which are recorded elsewhere and do not come out of the SoAiS budget. In 2025 the STUC fees were £2,245.61

Travel etc & Room Hire for Committee Meetings - the 2025 AGM was held online meaning costs normally associated with this were put towards an in-person committee meeting instead

Events - any costs or income for the Christmas lunch have been excluded as the income matched the cost

**Mary Paulson-Ellis**  
**April 2026**