

Minutes for Annual General Meeting, 8 January 2014

Time: 17.45

Venue: St Hugh's College, Oxford

1. Members present and apologies

1.1. Committee members present: Michael Burden, Michele Cohen, Jeremy Gregory, Matthew Grenby, Emrys Jones, Matthew McCormack, Frank O'Gorman, Penny Pritchard, Charlotte Roberts, Kate Rumbold, Corinna Wagner, Helen Williams, Sharon Young. For a full list of other society members present see appendix A

1.2. Apologies received from the following committee members: Penny Corfield, Berta Joncus, Emma Salgard Cunha, Debbie Welham.

2. Minutes of last AGM

2.1 Minutes agreed with minor amendment.

3. Matters arising

3.1. There were no matters arising.

4. Officers' reports

4.a. President.

4.a.1. JG extended his thanks to all committee members and those involved in the running of the conference.

4.a.2. JG announced that SY would no longer be the acting executive secretary but be in the role on a permanent basis.

4.a.3. JG explained the rebranding of the online event reviews under the title of Criticks. JG announced that Emrys Jones was now a members of the committee with responsibility for Criticks.

4.a.4. JG announced that planned BSECS lecture which will move venues around the UK.

4.a.5. JG reminded the meeting that the ISECS early career seminar would take place in Manchester in September 2014.

4.b. Treasurer.

4.b.1. BC introduced the accounts as of 30 November 2013 and provided a balance sheet for those present. The current balance stands at £92,636 which is roughly equivalent to the balance at the same point 2012. He also drew attention to and explained the figures regarding the ISECS Congress.

4.b.2. BC announced that £4250 had been given as awards and prizes which represented a 39% increase on the previous year.

4.b.3. BC drew member's attention to a donation form which has been included in all delegate packs

4.b.4. BC explained the statement of financial activities. This shows income from Wiley but a loss on 2013 conference. It also included sponsorship form Adam Matthews and a donation of £350.

4.b.5. Neil Howe asked for clarification about the ISECS 2019 debtor figure. BC explained this.
4.b.6. JG moved to accept the accounts. MB proposed and FOG seconded. The accounts were accepted.

4. c. Executive secretary

4.c.1. SY had nothing to report.

4. d. Journal editor and Reviews editor

4.d.1. MG reported that the journal (JECS) continues to thrive. In 2014 there will be 2 special editions.

4.d.2. MG thanked all contributors and reviewers for their work.

4.d.3. MG announced proposed review of the editorial board to enhance multi-disciplinarity and broaden global coverage.

4.d.4. MM reported the rebranding of the online event reviews. He explained that there was now more space for reviews in JECS and that he has created a new review area of Americas and the Atlantic World.

4.d.5. EJ reported that there are currently 163 reviews covering all types of event.

4.e. Conference organisers

4.e.1. CW reported that last year's closing plenary with wine was well received and will be repeated this year.

4.e.2. CW reported that the mentoring scheme introduced last year was very successful and was in place again for 2014 conference.

4.e.3. CW explained she hoped to improve the conference programme following numerous problems this year. She asked for comments and suggestions from delegates.

4.e.4. CW announced the theme of 2015 conference – Riots, Rebellions and Revolutions. The CFP is included in the conference programme.

5. Report on the election of officers and committee members

5.1. JG reported that Pam Clemit's term of office has expired and therefore a new ordinary member was sought. It is expected that this member will take responsibility for membership and recruitment. Society members wishing to stand for this vacancy were invited to contact SY for information.

5.2. JG reported that HW and ESC's terms of office expired next January. He invited interested postgraduates to contact HW, ESC or SY for further information.

6. Members comments and feedback

6.1. Yvonne Noble asked if a presenters' email list could be included in the conference programme. JG explained that there had been a technical problem which had meant this was not possible for this year. The planned improvements to the programme would take this into account.

6.2. Sebastian Mitchell asked about the conference dates and whether these could be changed to avoid early January. JG explained that the dates are reliant on St Hugh's term dates.

6.3. Angela Escott asked if a full delegate list rather than presenter list could be considered for the new programme.

6.4. Victoria Joule said that the initiatives to support postgraduates and early career researchers were very welcome.

6.5. Yvonne Noble asked if the Estate could be considered as a topic for 2016 annual conference to coincide with the anniversary of Brown.

6.6 BC asked all members to encourage colleagues and others to join BSECS and attend conference or other activities.

7. Any other business

7.1. BC asked if ISECS should be a standing agenda item for the AGM. JG agreed that as it now accounts for a significant amount of society business.

Action: SY to add ISECS as separate and standing agenda item to future AGM agenda.

7.2. Madhu Benoit asked if there were any links to the equivalent French societies. BC explained that there were links through ISECS.

Appendix A

Liz Bellamy

Madhu Benoit

Conrad Brunstrom

Amy Culley

Rebecca Davies

Angela Escott

Moira Goff

James Harriman-Smith

Christoph Heyl

Neil Howe

Alexander Huber

Victoria Joule

Simon Lewis

Sebastian Mitchell

Yvonne Noble

Fiona Price

Emily Readman

Gillian Skinner

Ian Small