

**Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
- Southampton Solent University, Thursday 2nd of July 2015**

There were no objections to the agenda or to Bruce Philp (Secretary taking the minutes).

All reports, written and/or oral, have been incorporated into the minutes.

**1. Financial report (Bruce Cronin)**

(Balance sheet to be appended)

Thanks partly to the efficiency of the Greenwich conference 2014 the AHE has moved into surplus for the year based on income and continues also to retain significant accumulated funds (approximately £14,000). There is also significant scope to improve income from a more coherent approach to membership fees and from ancillary aspects of the conference (see below)

The report was accepted.

**2. Post Graduate Workshop**

The postgraduate workshop convenor, Andrew Mearman was absent and it was agreed to approach him to continue in this capacity (after note: Andrew is exploring locating the next workshop at Loughbrough in cooperation with Paul Downward)

Additional after note (folding in still relevant comments from the 2014 AGM):

d) the AGM agreed to set aside a budget of £2000 to fund travel and accommodation for students, plus some expenses for instructors;

e) Bruce Philp has also suggested that when available, Fred's book could be given to student participants: Fred has agreed that in the interim, draft chapters could be provided.

**3. Membership report (Jamie Morgan)**

Alan Freeman's report delivered in his absence offered several proposals for consideration:

Organize a campaign to encourage site and list members who are not conference attendees to pay to be members, capturing some proportion of AHE announce (684 attached) and Hetecon (415 attached); on the understanding that some are overlapping (and also with conference attendance). This ought to be done by a targeted e-mail campaign. **Unanimously Adopted**

Proposal to continue to develop technology for integrated membership site – automatic reminders for membership expiry; some link between otherwise separate payments system for membership and conference fee so both can be done simultaneously, since this is often now done through department proxies when institutions pay for attendance; **Adopted**

Proposal to raise membership fees to £30 for waged members and leave at £10 for students/unwaged once the current membership period of one year hence expires. **Adopted**

To explore (Wendy Olsen) the possibility of institutional membership (based on particular benefits to the institution and member) in order to access anew revenue source. **Adopted** [discussed adopting the Development Studies Association model for this – to be followed up by a

designated committee member and Alan Freeman to contact membership seeking help and advice from anyone with experience in this regard]

#### **4. Webmaster's report (Anders Ekeland)**

Anders Ekeland notes gradual improvements to the site and that he is now working with Neil Lancaster to modernise the system.

Anders is still seeking pre2007 conference papers for inclusion in the archive

#### **5. 2015 Conference Organizers report (Nick Potts and Simon Mouatt)**

Projected surplus £2-3,000

Nick proposes division of labour regarding some tasks that are perennial and long term – designate a committee member to be in charge of marketing and revenue for attendance by relevant organizations – publishers, NGOs, other possible organizations who may provide some payment. The idea of a fundraising officer was put forward to whom such tasks could be delegated –

**Unanimously adopted**

#### **6. 2016 Conference Organizers report (Jamie Morgan on behalf of Robert McMaster)**

Local Glasgow organizing work has begun and Bob is confident everything will proceed smoothly. Noted need to maintain liaison since this is a year of transition for the executive committee named posts.

Subsequent conference locations were discussed – with possible chronological order:

University of Huddersfield (Kalim Siddiqui)

University of Manchester (Wendy Olsen)

Birmingham City University (Bruce Philp)

University of Greenwich (Bruce Cronin)

#### **7. Coordinator's report (Jamie Morgan)**

Jamie invited discussion and proposals in order to foster a greater sense of coherence and community as the 'AHE' based on the recognized good work many members do.

Wendy Olsen noted that the AHE had been effective in intervening in discourse regarding the state of economics and the curriculum.

Proposal for study groups along the lines of the Development Studies Association

Proposal for web based events in general

Proposal that the AHE encourage in particular policy forum interventions

Sub-proposal that we consider offering general collective service as pedagogical intervention e.g. to schools

Proposal to use the website to improve our visibility create a directory of staff; links to heterodox departments; case studies

Explore use of new/social media

Discussion brought together as proposal to empower incoming committee to explore avenues to do the above and to designate committee members with responsibility for tasks. **Adopted**

#### **8. Elections**

The 2015-2016 Management Committee was elected with the following members and responsibilities:

Wendy Olsen/Thoralf Dassler- Joint Coordinator  
Bruce Cronin – Treasurer  
Simon Mouatt – Secretary  
Alan Freeman – Membership Secretary  
Anders Ekeland – Webmaster  
Andrew Mearman - Postgraduate Workshop Coordinator  
Robert McMaster – 2016 conference organizer

Student liaison officers: Catriona Watson/Hoang Nguyen (following proposal to nominate in absence from Neil Lancaster)  
Unfilled – Diversity Officer

Neil Lancaster – Committee Member (now has administrative powers for the AHE membership list)  
Spencer J. Pack – Committee Member  
Phil Armstrong – Committee Member  
Kalim Siddiqui – Committee Member  
Rojhat Avsar – Committee Member  
Tom Lines – Committee Member

Radhika Desai – Committee Member  
Arturo Hermann – Committee Member  
Victoria Chick – Honorary Life President

Pritam Singh – Committee Member (to continue?)  
Bruce Philp (to continue?)  
Jamie Morgan (to continue?)

At least one other who attended the morning meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July – check with Wendy what her name was?

## **9. AOB**

Issue of FaceBook AHE site – agreed that designate the committee to investigate becoming part of the administrators for the site