



BRITISH EDUCATION STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Staffordshire University, Stafford Campus

2 July 2009

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Joanna Haynes, Yvonne Hill, Lisa Murphy, Les Hankin, Liz Newman

2. Minutes of the last AGM held at Liverpool Hope University on 27th June 2008

The Minutes of the last AGM held on the 27th June 2009 were received and accepted as a true account

3. Matters arising

- The same system for the nomination of members of the executive had been used again
- The Outgoing Chairs reported that the part time administration person had now left and that he had assumed the admin role with respect to the website
- In terms of future protocol and to avoid confusion it would be the role of the new Chair to thank any Executive members who were standing down
- A successful Colloquium on Research Informed Teaching had been held at MMU and positive feedback had been received
- Melanie Bullock's position was to be clarified
- It was reported that the old website had finally been removed

4. Outgoing Chair's Report (CW)

Chris Wakeman, the current Chair who was standing down under the terms of the Constitution after his year of office, welcomed all present to the AGM at the end of his fourth successful year. He passed the Chair to Gwenan Williams, the previous Vice Chair. Gwenan paid a warm tribute to Chris's work as chair, acknowledging, in particular, the BESA initiatives he has led over the year. She commented on the excellent way that he had steered the executive and in particular praised his development of the Website. She also commented on the excellent Conference that he had organised.

In his outgoing report Chris commented that it had been a very successful year for BESA. The conference had attracted a record number of papers and delegates. Interest in BESA

generally had increased, mainly due to the development of the website by professional web designers. This had made the association more accessible e.g. in terms of news items etc. The finances of the association were also in a very healthy position. This year BESA had provided three student bursaries at the cost of £1050 – the full conference fees. Student presentations at the conference were to be encouraged. Currently BESA was considering member benefits, the pass-wording of the Journal for members only and also considering the role of a BESA President (to promote the society more widely). BESA had also considered developing International links, and also links further within the UK eg Scotland and Ireland. In addition, the possibility of a web based map with links to member institutions that provide Education Studies Courses was being investigated. The Chair therefore handed over the role to Gwenan Williams, stating that BESA was in good health and that he looked forward to the next conference in Bangor.

5. Treasurer's Report (SW)

- The total income /total expenditure had been around £3500 leaving a healthy balance at the end of the year of around £16, 500. There had been some trouble with the handover from one treasurer to another which had resulted in bank charges which had subsequently been reimbursed. A considerable, but good, investment had been made on the website and the editing of the journal had been included. Income from the Colloquium had yet to be added. AH asked the Chair to thank the Treasurer for all his work

6. Confirmation of Membership of the Executive Committee and Executive Officers for 2009/10

- Four members were leaving the executive – Emmanuel Mufti who had made a valuable and long term to BESA, especially in developing the Journal, Lisa Murphy, Yvonne Hill – who had served on the executive since the Chester Conference and Joanna Haines. The Chair, on behalf of the Executive formerly thanked them for their service to the Association.
- Although four people were leaving the Executive there had only been three nominations. As a consequence, under the terms of the Constitution a vote was not necessary. The Chair therefore formerly welcomed Sue Warren from Leeds Metropolitan, Andy Reynolds from Swansea Metropolitan and Gary Beauchamp from Cardiff to the Executive

7. EducationFutures – BESA Journal (JS)

The editor John Sharp talked about the development of the journal over the last 2 years. An administrator, Melanie Bullock based at BG was in place and there was an editorial board in place. He welcomed any comments about aspects of the Journal. Two issues of the Journal were now accessible from the website. The Conference issue from Liverpool Hope was due to be uploaded onto the BESA Journal website in the near future. Delegates at the current conference would be invited to submit their papers to the Journal. Any article can be submitted to the journal for consideration and BESA welcomed

suggestions for themes for the Journal –suggestions to be emailed to John Sharp. The possibility of book reviews was being considered and also the visibility of Contributor information on the website was being addressed.

8. Conference 2010 (GW)

The 2010 Conference will be in held in Bangor at the Management Centre. The date would be Thursday 1st – Friday 2nd July with the Executive meeting on Wednesday 30th June

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 1st July at Bangor.