



AGM Agenda

At University of Bolton

28th June 2018

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance

Sian Templeton, University of Gloucester
Tristan Middleton, University of Gloucester
Tom Feldges, University of Hull
Stephen Ward, Bath Spa University
Sue Ainsworth, UWTSD
Harbir Bal, University of Warwick
David Menendez-Alvarez-Hevia, Manchester Metropolitan University
Ruth Mieschbuehler, University of Derby
Joe Gazdula, University of Bolton,
Sandra Abegglen, London Metropolitan University
Sonia Pieczenko Feldges, Grimsby Institute
Oly Wimborne, King's College London
Caroline Lewis, UWTSD
Alan Howe, Bath Spa University
Cathal O'Siochru, Liverpool Hope University
Zeta Brown, University of Wolverhampton
Sarah Telfer, University of Bolton
Davide Bacoua, University of Bolton
Christian Nchindia, University of Bolton
Julian Symers, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Ashley Cope, UWTSD
Richard Millican, University of Gloucester
Alana Enoch, UWTSD
Alison Baggott, UWTSD
Sarah Stewart, UWTSD
Lynwen Roberts, UWTSD
Angharad Lewis, UWTSD
Richard Woolley, University of Worcester
Jade Murden, University of Derby
Sean Broome, University of Derby
Thomas Altfelix, University of Luenburg
Andrew Okoye, University of Bolton

Apologies

Jo Axe, Sarah Evans, Steve Dixon

2. Minutes from the last meeting:

Approved as a true record

3. Matter's arising

No vacancies this year for new members but there will be at least one vacancy next year.

Appointment of a new Early Career Researcher representative, to be confirmed under agenda item 8

4. Treasurer report

Financial report from last year was projected onto the screen for all members to consider. It was noted that BESA had a number of expenditures with the journal editorship as the main one. Other expenses included meeting fees and conference related costs. It was confirmed that the main source of income for BESA is the annual conference.

The status of the main and reserve bank account was outlined by Cathal O'S along with this year's financial report. It was confirmed that both accounts would now be reported together.

The status of the PayPal account was also reported.

It was noted that expenses this year were very much in line with those of previous years and it was reported that the accounting of the BESA finances needs to move from a cash basis to accrual reporting.

The Chair thanks Cathal O'S for all his hard work as Treasurer

5. Website and journal

It was reported that BESA publish two journals with the latest edition of Transformations just released. Educational Futures is also doing well with lots of content available for the next edition and is in good health with proposed biannual releases before the annual conference and in September.

It was reported that the Taylor and Francis audit of the journal resulted in feedback commending the excellent quality of the articles.

A request was made to members who may wish to act as reviewers for Educational Futures who are at the post-doctoral stage of their career. Any interested persons should email the editor Joe Gazdula with contact details available on the contact list.

It was reported that lots of new content had been placed on the website and members were asked to notify the Executive of anything they may want to see on the site.

Members were reminded that a comments section was available on the site if they wished to use it and that if they were running any events at their institutions that we could advertise this on the BESA website

6. Conference 2019

It was confirmed that the 2019 conference would be held at University of Wales Trinity St David at the SA1 campus in Swansea on the 27th-28th June. Further details and a call for papers will be released as soon as possible.

7. Chair review: 2017-2018

The Chair thanked all the Executive for their hard work in particular to Joe G as editor of the journal and Caroline L as Secretary. Additional thanks were given to Joe G for organising a great conference this year. The Chair noted that it was encouraging that the Executive now had a range of fresh ideas emerging including from an international perspective and a request was made to members for ideas for further ideas as to what else the association could be providing. Immediate ideas were special interest groups which BESA would look to potentially fund. Additionally there was interest in establishing discussion forums on the website but this would need input from members to provide suitable and regular content.

Zeta B was welcomed as the new Chair of BESA and thanks were given to Alan H for his previous tenure as Chair. Zeta B reported she was very much looking forward to the next two years as Chair.

8. Status of BESA

Joe G nominated Christian Nchindia as Early Career Researcher representative for the Executive. This was seconded and confirmed. The Chair welcomed Christian N as a member of the Executive and look forward to his input.

9. AOB

Further thanks and a round of applause from all members for Joe G as conference organiser.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed