

(\*) Written report/papers attached

<b>Present</b> CA, MS, KB, JG, PE, JS, SB, AL, RH, CH, AB, MOB, AN, GD.	
<b>Absent</b> LH, NJ.	
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
APK, JM, LM, SC, MD.	
<b>2. Minutes of 18.01.12</b>	
Approved.	
<b>3.1 Chair</b>	
<p>Thanks and congratulations to the conference organising team for a very successful conference.</p> <p>Welcome to Jonathan Garton who was elected at the AGM.</p> <p>Congratulations to be sent to JM on her forthcoming marriage.</p> <p>Work that had been commissioned on the website has been completed and paid for. The priority now was incorporate an e-commerce element for membership renewal/joining. Four options were presented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) £300. Membership renewal service but not new members, manual input of data.</li> <li>2) £450. Renewal and new members service, manual input of data.</li> <li>3) £750. Renewal and new members service, semi-automatic input of data.</li> <li>4) £1250. Fully automated and data automatically entered into database.</li> </ol> <p>AGREED</p> <p>Option 2 agreed as an initial step and further 'upgrades' will be explored as appropriate.</p> <p>ESRC Grant Panel Call</p> <p>RH wrote to Gavin Salisbury, who responded to say that the ESRC does not normally consult learned societies on such matters, but that it would be helpful for us to disseminate relevant calls and notices to our membership. The</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>RH MS JM</p> <p>MS</p>

<p>easiest way to do this would be for MS to sign up to the ESRC e-News bulletings and forward to members.</p> <p>World Consortium on Law and Society RH had an email from Angela Melville suggesting that we should reconsider joining the WCLS if it gains momentum. AGREED If it the WCLS gains momentum, the Executive will take forward.</p> <p>Academy of Social Sciences At present, membership was free for the Association. A fee would be incurred for continued membership and it would be a significant cost. Membership enables the nomination of Academicians by the Association, and all our recent nominations were successful, but other benefits of membership are less clear. AGREED The Executive will evaluate ongoing membership through greater involvement at AcSS events by a range of Exec members. Next nomination round is in June – nominations to be requested from SLSA membership – include in next members e-bulletin. Check renewal date and cost of membership with LM and put on agenda for the next Executive meeting to think through a nomination strategy.</p> <p>Nuffield Foundation Sharon Witherspoon has been appointed as the new Director of the Nuffield Foundation. A Deputy Director would be appointed in due course, although Sharon may retain some of her current function. AGREED RH to write to congratulate SW on behalf of the SLSA and offer thanks for SW's visit and presentation at the Annual Conference. RH will also ask SW's permission to disseminate material presented by SW at the Conference. MS will produce a summary for the newsletter and will also upload materials from the Nuffield presentation to the website if SW agrees, along with materials from other recent SLSA events.</p> <p>Ashgate/Publishers Page Ashgate had contacted the Association regarding the addition of a landing page for SLSA members on their website. This link would enable members to obtain a discount on selected books. AGREED Explore ability to obtain discount on all books rather than just selected texts. To revive a similar arrangement proposed by Routledge, and explore with other publishers as appropriate. AN given permission to negotiate with publishers.</p> <p>JISC The HEA and JISC had called for proposals for funding from scholarly associations to promote the use of open educational resources in their discipline.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>MS</p> <p>RH/LM APK</p> <p>RH</p> <p>MS</p> <p>AN</p>
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<p>AGREED</p> <p>Although we were not in a position to respond to this call, we should develop a repository for materials within the SLSA website with a view to promoting open access materials in the longer term.</p> <p>International Liaison</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>Put on the agenda for the next meeting a discussion of the appointment of an executive member responsible for international liaison. It was suggested that the role should draw upon experience from within the membership of international consultancy/collaboration.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>APK</p>
<p><b>3.2. Treasurer*</b></p>	
<p>See accounts submitted to the AGM. Financial position has improved. LM recommended the re-introduction of the seminar series. It was noted that the Journal of Law and Society was starting a similar scheme.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>£2500 allocated and a research seminar sub-committee formed to review existing documentation and recommend a way forward. GD, PE and MOB agreed as members.</p>	<p>GD</p> <p>PE</p> <p>MOB</p>
<p><b>3.3. Membership</b></p>	
<p>See report to AGM.</p>	
<p><b>3.4. Recruitment*</b></p>	
<p>See report to AGM. CH to explore reviving Social Policy Association links.</p>	<p>CH</p>
<p><b>3.5 Newsletter</b></p>	
<p>The Executive was reminded that the Summer issue deadline is the end of May.</p>	
<p><b>3.7. Webmaster</b></p>	
<p>No report.</p>	
<p><b>4.1.a. DMU 2012</b></p>	
<p>The conference team reflected upon the positive environment, and excellent venue. Particular praise was offered for the conference administrator, Kate Scott, and thanks also to Martin Morgan-Taylor who had assisted substantially with organisation and logistics. Very good conference dinner. Thanks was extended by the Executive to the Law School for their sponsorship of the conference dinner.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>It was appropriate to review the criteria for host selection.</p> <p>RH would send a thank you letter to Sheree People (Head of Leicester De Montfort Law School).</p>	<p>AN/GD</p> <p>RH</p>

<b>4.1.b. York 2013</b>	
<p>CH provided a presentation on the York Conference venue. After consulting with the Executive, it was AGREED that the conference dinner would be held at the National Railway Museum. The successful strategy to reinforce attendance at the dinner deployed at DMU12 would be replicated.</p> <p>The following were also AGREED:</p> <p>Author meets reader sessions - these were valuable sessions but worked best in the context of a vibrant stream/theme, and joint sessions with relevant streams should be considered. The Blomley session in which he presented the outline and arguments in the book had worked well and it was suggested that the format should be replicated if possible.</p> <p>Plenary session - explore attracting a high-profile figure and if unable to do so, then avoid having a plenary 'for the sake of having one'. Richard Best and Brenda Hale suggested. RH to approach Brenda Hale initially.</p> <p>SLSA Stand - the location didn't work as well as hoped in 2012. Something to be mindful of at York.</p> <p>Invite posters from doctorate/young scholars.</p> <p>The need to include some notepaper in conference packs was identified. To be included in 2013.</p> <p>Include a social media (Twitter) aspect to the conference.</p> <p>Site visit to be undertaken.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>RH/LM/AN</p>
<b>4.1.c RGU 2014</b>	
<p>There was a desire to look at exploring the social schedule and creating a 'fun experience' in order to attract as many people as possible. Possibly explore the theme of Scottish devolution/independence.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>Need to promote the conference within Scotland to ensure a good attendance.</p> <p>Invite Kenny MacAskill MSP as plenary speaker.</p> <p>Workshop further ideas for RGU conference at next Exec meeting.</p> <p>It was also AGREED that a call for expressions of interest in hosting the 2015 Annual Conference be included in the next newsletter and responses be considered at the September Executive.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>MS/APK</p>
<b>4.2 Postgraduate</b>	
Check where it is being held/details (DC suggests not at Bristol?).	LM
<b>4.3.a. One Day - Funding</b>	
There was a need to get going with publicity for the event.	RH/AB/MS
<b>4.3.b. One Day - Doing</b>	
This event went well.	

<b>4.3.c. One Day - Teaching</b>	
CA/PE were progressing and would check the agreed date and venue with AB.	CA/PE
<b>4.3.d. Exploring the Legal</b>	
Planning for the event continued to progress.	
<b>4.4 Honolulu 2012</b>	
APK was maintaining a list of those attending from the SLSA. AL agreed to write a piece on the LSA conference for the newsletter.	AL
<b>5.1 Book Prize</b>	
This would be promoted in the newsletter as last year. Submission is via 1 PDF file.	MS
<b>5.2 Article prize</b>	
As with the book prize, it will once again be advertised/promoted through the newsletter.	MS
<b>5.3 Contributions to socio-legal community</b>	
Mavis Maclean would like to fund support for young scholars and would welcome ideas from the Executive on how best to do this. The idea of mentoring/travel support was suggested. AGREED To consider further at the next meeting. A name suggestion for the Prize was discussed. RH to canvass further views with Exec members not at the meeting and others in the socio-legal community. Nominations for the 2013 award would be invited in the May newsletter as in the previous year.	APK RH MS
<b>5.4 Small grants</b>	
To be advertised later in the year, as usual.	MS
<b>5.5 Seminar</b>	
The new sub-committee (see 3.2) would be working on this.	GD, MOB, PE
<b>6 Law Commission</b>	
Received report from AB.	
<b>7. Elections</b>	
Jonathan Garton had been the only person nominated and was duly elected at the AGM. A request from another person to join the Executive was received after the AGM. After discussion, it was felt that there was not strong enough support to	RH

appoint or co-opt outside of the election process previously outlined to the membership. RH would circulate for wider views among the Executive and respond.	
<b>8. Membership Survey</b>	
Some responses to the survey developed by KB were received from conference participants, but it was AGREED to put the survey online in order to gather further responses. KB to send a link to members to the online survey.	KB/MS
<b>9. Any Other Business</b>	
None.	
<b>10. Date and Time of Future Meetings</b>	
The following dates were provisionally agreed: 20 September 2012 17 January 2013 It was also noted that the Executive should assume a meeting will be 3 hours long in making their travel arrangements.	