

**HU 0.10 Hugh Aston Building  
De Montfort University  
13:00 to 14:00**

## **Present**

Antonia Layard, Rosemary Hunter, Amanda Perry-Kessaris, Sarah Blandy, Anne Barlow, Penny English, Jane Scoular, Marie Selwood, Kevin Brown, Penny Russell, Philip Bremner, Rachel Slater, Rachel Herron, Javier Akhter, Donatella Alessandrini, Andy Boon, Dwijen Rangnekar, Antony Bradney, Mark O'Brien, Chris Ashford, Rosemary Auchmuty, Dave Cowan, Celine Tan, Jonathan Garton, Ann Stewart, Amin Sharifi Isaloo, André Naidoo.

## **Agenda item**

## **Action**

### 1. Apologies

Julie McCandless, Linda Mulcahy, Sarah Christie, Marian Duggan.

### 2. Minutes of AGM 2011

Approved.

#### 3.1. Chair's Report

The threat of industrial action at RGU had caused a relocation of this year's conference to DMU. We are extraordinarily grateful to DMU for doing such a good job at such short notice. Congratulations to them. The conference will be held in York in 2013, and RGU will now host in 2014. Expressions of interest for hosting in 2015 will be requested in time for the 20.09.12 meeting of the Executive.

Very happy to say that the state of our finances is much improved. A huge thank you to the Sussex team because the success of their conference helped to boost our position considerably. Some members have not yet updated their standing orders to reflect the new membership fee of £40. We will receive some funds from the Honolulu conference but it is not yet clear how much because it depends on the number of attendees who are SLSA members.

We hosted a very successful seminar on impact in the REF and submitted our feedback to HEFCE on the draft panel criteria and working methods for the REF, in consultation with the SLS.

A one day conference on Doing Socio-Legal Research was held in March and was very successful. Two more (on Funding and Teaching) are to follow. A further one day conference on Exploring the 'Legal' in

Socio-Legal Studies is forthcoming on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Proposals for additional one day conferences are invited.

We have been in discussion with Michael Doherty about creating an Irish socio-legal network.

We made five successful nominations to membership of the Academy of Social Sciences (Mavis Maclean, Phil Thomas, Dave Cowan, Sally Wheeler and Michael Adler). Congratulations to them.

The website has been significantly improved.

Our connection with the Journal of Law and Society has been re-established, with a member of the JLS Editorial Board being coopted onto the SLSA Executive Committee.

Kevin Brown is conducting a survey of members' opinions.

### 3.2. Treasurer

See written report.

### 3.4. Recruitment

See written report.

### 3.5-3.6. Newsletter-Website and e-bulletin

See written reports. Note Warwick should be added to the list of sponsors. Please ask publishers of your books to advertise in the newsletter. Please update your entry in the membership directory.

## 4. Elections

Anne Barlow and Marian Duggan were re-elected for a second term. Jonathan Garton (Warwick) was nominated by Ann Stewart and Celine Tan and duly elected to the Committee.

## 5. Next Meeting

The next AGM will be held at the York conference on 27.03.13.