

**New Academic Building, LSE
12:30 Lunch (Rm 6.18) 13:00 Start (Moot Court, 7th floor)**

<p>Present: Marian Duggan, Kevin Brown, Penny English, Sarah Blandy, Linda Mulcahy, Mark O'Brien, Julie McCandless, Charlotte Bendall, Margaret Downie, Jane Scoular, Caroline Hunter, Anne Barlow, Rosemary Hunter, Amanda Perry-Kessarlis, Antonia Layard, Chris Ashford.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Charlotte Bendall and Margaret Downie to their first meeting.</p>	
<p>Agenda item</p>	<p><i>Action</i></p>
<p>1. Apologies</p>	
<p>SC, GD, NJ, VM, MS, AN, JG.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of 20.09.12</p>	
<p>Approved.</p>	

<p>3.1 Chair</p>	
<p>See written report.</p> <p>REF Nominations: Hefce say subpanels will choose from among those nominated. There is no further information regarding Scots Law nominations.</p> <p>LSA Honolulu: Did not make a profit so we will not receive a dividend.</p> <p>Nomination of academicians: MS to put call for nominations in newsletter alongside piece by Fiona Cownie and Robert Dingwall. CH to liaise with RH on wording for a nomination form to be included in York conference packs. MS to put reminders in e-bulletin after conference, with deadline well before Academy nomination deadline (TBA)</p> <p>Open access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science and Technology Committee is doing short consultation on it with a very quick turnaround. AGREED RH to draft and circulate a brief submission focusing on implementation and implications of RCUK policy; deadline is 18 January. • The Political Science Association has statement urging people not to contribute their labour/work to journals that only offer the 'gold' option. • AGREED: We should try to produce an SLSA position on open access for purposes of submissions and guidance for members. RH to draft and circulate for Exec input. Focus on concerns that poorer institutions, early career researchers and PG students will be excluded; that there will be additional pressure to engage in ranking of journals which has been resisted so far in Law discipline, and which may feed into the REF; and that we would advocate a preference for non-'gold' open access models. <p>ESRC priority questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGREED: AL to lead on drafting a response, and seeking contribution of SLSA membership if time, on 'refreshing' of questions underpinning priorities. RH to advise AL of the deadline for responses. <p>Review of Law Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use this as opportunity to highlight examples of when Law commissioners have used socio-legal work e.g. Children Act and housing. Encourage them to do it more. • Law Commission more important than ever before now that access to courts is being restricted. • LM to lead Working Group, with Sarah Blandy, Caroline Hunter and Anne Barlow, to prepare consultation response; deadline 6 February. • RH to send copy of consultation questionnaire to LM. 	<p>MS</p> <p>CH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>AL</p> <p>LM</p>

3.2. Vice Chair	
<p>Attended Academy of Social Sciences meeting where worries were expressed about likely cuts to HE in next comprehensive spending review.</p> <p>Attended subject association meeting for AHRC. Confirmed Open Access publishing is inevitable. Considering change in priorities. Expect RCUK to face further cuts.</p> <p>Attended, with PE, Legal Education and Training Review meeting with subject associations. Concerns regarding lack of training and employment prospects to be taken up by CHULS. PE will attend in her capacity as Head of Department and will report back.</p>	PE
3.3 Treasurer	
<p>We are in a nice position. We need to continue to keep enough in the account to pay basic expenses in a bad conference year.</p> <p>We had approximately £38,500 in the accounts at this point last year, and currently have approximately £58,000 now. Important to continue this practice of checking back against one year ago.</p> <p>Accounting for one-day conferences all together, they made a profit.</p> <p>AGREED RH to thank at the AGM Belfast for generous support of PG conference 2012, and Nuffield for their generous support of one day conferences.</p> <p>Cut back on executive committee meetings has helped.</p> <p>Still need to transfer £10,000 from Lloyds to the Cooperative account, constrained by a technicality that is being addressed.</p>	RH
3.4 Membership	
<p>See written report.</p> <p>MS to create page in front of login wall (under 'Join the SLSA now') for members to join and renew via PayPal. New members must also tell membership secretary they have joined. JM to provide wording for MS.</p> <p>MS to include retired membership category on website. JM to provide wording.</p> <p>Would be useful if new database system allowed for new members to enter their own data by joining online.</p> <p>JM and MS to liaise to include note on website that we have recently deleted people from the membership list because they have not paid for two years.</p>	JM MS
3.5 Recruitment	
See written report.	JM

JM to provide MD with list of former members who were deleted due to not having paid for two years. MD to contact and invite to re-join.	MD
3.6. Newsletter and website	
<p>See written reports.</p> <p>We should give up on seeking a report about Honolulu for the Newsletter.</p> <p>York accommodation details to go in e-bulletin rather than Newsletter. CH to provide wording.</p> <p>Retired membership was mentioned in the last Newsletter.</p> <p>MS to make a separate .pdf of open access section from last Newsletter and put on SLSA website.</p> <p>LSA has agreed to continue distribution of SLSA Newsletters.</p> <p>Hacks are still occurring. NJ is following up on security.</p>	MS CH NJ
3.7 Webmaster	
<p>See written report.</p> <p>AGREED: we will move to an off the shelf database.</p>	
3.8. PG Rep	
<p>Action to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been posting on Facebook to stimulate contact. Setting up PG email list on Jiscmail, about 30 members, building up slowly. • Finished writing conference report in which mention collation of email list. • Created LinkedIn group with Chris Ashford on suggestion of student at PG conference. • A student asked for information re funding for SLSA conference and was able to pass that on. <p>At York CH plans to collect together PGs to meet each other on Tuesday pm to be taken out by York PGs; will also have PG room, near poster competition; will be mentioned in the programme.</p>	CH
3.9 International liaison	
<p>Wrote a short piece in last newsletter. Going to come up with an international members database.</p> <p>Spoke to CH re an international outing at York.</p> <p>KB to make contact with counterparts in other associations: Law and Society Association, Law and Social Science Network (LASSNet) in India, Japanese Association of Sociology of Law etc.</p> <p>AGREED: We should offer a reduced conference registration rate (i.e. the</p>	KB JM CH MD

<p>PG rate) for members from poorer countries – use ISA listing of ‘B’ and ‘C’ countries to determine who is eligible. KB, JM and CH to liaise on this. [Note the list of countries can be found on the last page of the ISA membership application: http://www.isa-sociology.org/form_isa.pdf]</p> <p>MD to create a recruitment .pdf for committee members to take when travel.</p>	
<p>3.10 Social Media</p>	
<p>Increasing number of Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn members/followers. One day conference used live tweeting; was re-tweeted in Australia, Canada etc., including into a simultaneous teaching and learning event elsewhere; has been ‘storified’ which allows people to get an overall view of the event.</p> <p>CA and CH to liaise on York: #SIsa13 to be used; twitter notes to be read out by each chair of session, including warning re rights of presenters to ask for work not to be tweeted as mentioned in recent piece in the Times Higher Education Supplement; will try to create ‘wall’ for live display of tweets. Will encourage streams to use their own tags so they can storify their stream, and later turn into Newsletter story.</p> <p>Pinterest: thinking about doing something on preparing for York to give insight into the creative process.</p>	<p>CA CH</p>
<p>4.1.a York</p>	
<p>See written report.</p> <p>250 + abstracts, some theme/streams very large. Second call is coming. Conference bookings are low but that is to be expected as early bird deadline has not passed.</p> <p>Sponsorship of £6,500 confirmed, may be up to £9,000.</p> <p>Judging of posters: RH and CB to judge. RH to invite Phil Thomas as well.</p> <p>AL to liaise with Phil re JLS sponsorship: for student bursaries, prize for best PG poster, anything else?</p> <p>RH to do final liaison with Baroness Hale.</p> <p>Poster, Article, Book and Contribution Prizes to be handed out at dinner (not at plenary). RH to tell winners and Phil Thomas to attend the dinner.</p> <p>CH to ensure new treasurer has contact details to chase those who agreed to fund prizes.</p> <p>Executive Committee meeting time to be adjusted to 1:30-4:30.</p> <p>CA and CB to note on social media and PG list the possibility of arranging to share rooms.</p>	<p>RH CB AL CH CA</p>

<p>4.1.b. RGU 2014</p>	
<p>Expecting to deliver a revised quote in a month or so. Hired 3 interns from events management students. Local tourism organisation facilitating hotel bookings now defunct, but working with new organisation and likely to be able to offer a better range of reasonably priced hotel options. Looking to alternative venues for dinner and considering whether to hire a band and cost of doing so. Site visit will help to clarify. Publishers stalls to be located on University Street. Speakers: suggestion to ask former Lord Advocate Elish Angiolini on the theme of devolution. Will consider using York tweets as feedback on York and, where positive, as publicity for RGU.</p>	
<p>4.1.c Annual conference 2015 and 2016</p>	
<p>Very healthy number of bids. RH to ask for which year(s) each wishes to be considered, and where necessary, for indicative budget including expected SLSA profit to be supplied. To provide a copy of York budget as an example. AGREED Working Group to be established to consider bids and make recommendation to Executive. Apply criteria on website, plus consider plausibility of budgets, mix of locations over the three years and accessibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RH • CH • MO • CA • GD/AN (RH to ask) <p>Committee to feedback to Rosemary with any views about bids in meantime.</p>	<p>RH CH RH GD/AN</p>
<p>4.2. PG Conference</p>	
<p>See written report. Thanks once again to contributors Sally Wheeler, Linda Mulcahy, Dave Cowan, Rosemary Hunter and Vanessa Munro; and especially to Fiona Cownie and Tony Bradney who organised it so well. Make clear in future that deposits may be in any currency, not necessarily a cheque, and will be returned to them when attend. 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanessa had previously volunteered at Nottingham. RH to ask. 	<p>RH</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSE as backup. 	
4.3.a 'Teaching'	
<p>An unusual topic for SLSA and the day went well. Nuffield was lovely venue, and treated the attendees and organisers very well.</p> <p>A bit disappointing on numbers, maybe because speakers were announced later than for other conferences, and was in October at the beginning of planning the academic year.</p> <p>May run all three conferences again 2014.</p>	
4.3.c BA/BL/IALS	
<p>(Rescheduled) planning meeting to be held about 10 days hence. Theme will be using archives and presenters will include archivists and those who use them.</p>	<p>APK LM</p>
5.1. Book prizes	
<p>No early career prize will be awarded.</p> <p>Nicola Barker to be awarded main book prize. See 5.2 below for York.</p>	
5.2. Article prize	
<p>Awarded to Marie Fox and Michael Thompson.</p> <p>To be discussed at York in author meets reader session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA to identify discussant for Barker to be presented in law, gender and sexuality-family law joint session. JM to act as discussant of Fox and Thompson in health care stream. 	<p>CA CH JM</p>
5.3 Small grants	
<p>AGREED to fund at a cost of £6240 four applications selected by sub committee this morning based on their quality:</p> <p>Sarah Lambie, Catherine O'Rourke, James Sweeny, Lisa Vanhala</p> <p>AGREED to set up SLSA Fieldwork Scholarship for PhD students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will ask students what other funds they have applied for. Students should have completed their first year before commencing fieldwork for which funding is sought. Reference and certification from supervisor that no other funding is available from the institution. Individuals can apply for up to £2000. PhD students may not apply for small grants. <p>AGREED to announce that we have decided exceptionally to give a grant</p>	<p>JS MS</p>

<p>of £1000 to two PhDs students, Rebecca Dudley and Ed Mowlam, but that for the future, we have responded to the continuing number of applications from PhD students to establish a new SLSA Fieldwork Scholarship. JS to draft application form. MS to advertise on website alongside small grants for next year's round.</p>	
<p>5.5 Seminar</p> <p>Nine applications: varying amounts of money but similar standards. No meeting today because GD could not come. Decision by email expected soon.</p> <p>Total budget £2500.</p> <p>MO to check with JM whether applicants are all members.</p>	<p>MO PE GD JM</p>
<p>6. Quantitative methods</p>	
<p>LM suggested an SLSA Summer School to ensure access to a wide range of research methods.</p> <p>AGREED SLSA is supportive of students being equipped with both quantitative and qualitative research skills to enable them to interrogate the world.</p> <p>May be useful to have Newsletter piece on quantitative methods once the results of the Nuffield/ESRC funding programme are announced.</p> <p>RH to draft response to ESRC letter.</p>	<p>RH</p>
<p>7. Election to Executive Committee and Officer positions falling vacant</p>	
<p>Perry-Kessarlis, Munro and Mulcahy stepping down from Executive. McCandless stepping down from role of Membership Secretary but to remain on Executive for another term and agreed to remain as Membership Secretary for a period beyond the AGM to stagger transition to new officers.</p> <p>Tentative offers to fill vacant positions received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Blandy, Kevin Brown: Membership. • Chris Ashford: Secretary. • Mark O'Brien: Treasurer. <p>RH also to invite expressions of interest from those absent.</p> <p>Existing Committee Members renewed automatically if they wish. Three positions to be filled at AGM. Notice to be given in several e-bulletins prior to the conference that Call for Nominations will be made at the AGM. Committee members should also think of possible candidates and approach them to encourage nomination. We particularly need a new member from a London University</p> <p>Where nominations for new members exceed positions to be filled a secret</p>	<p>RH MS All</p>

ballot (preceded by a few words from those standing) will be held.	
8. Any other business	
None.	