

IALS, Russell Square, London, Room Room L101

<p>Present: Diamond Ashiagbor, Sarah Blandy, Kevin J. Brown, Nwudego Chinwuba, Natalie Corbett, Naomi Creutzfeld, Sharon Cowan, Kevin Crosby, Jonathan Garton, Nikki Godden-Rasul, Neil Graffin, Jess Guth, Rosie Harding, Maebh Harding, Rosemary Hunter, Francis King, Petra Mahy, Mark O'Brien, Marie Selwood, Siobhan Weare, Tom Webb.</p>	
<p>Agenda item</p>	<p><i>Action</i></p>
<p>1. Apologies</p>	
<p>Carla Crifo, Emilie Cloatre, Dave Cowan, Jill Dickinson, Jed Meers, Michael Thomson, Lois Bibbings,</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of 14.01.16</p>	
<p>The Minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>3.1 Chair</p>	
<p>Rosemary Hunter welcomed Welcome Natalie Corbett, Neil Graffin, Petra Mahy and Nwudego Chinwuba to their first meeting of the executive. RH also welcomed Jill Dickinson to the executive.</p> <p>RH confirmed that Nathan Emmerich has played a valuable role in the work of the association since he commenced his work as our administrator. The executive AGREED that Nathan would be invited to continue in his work. RH invited officers and others to approach her if they believed they had work with which Nathan could assist.</p> <p>RH led the executive in a discussion of the reform of the annual conference's streams and themes. Following discussion it was AGREED that RH would draft a piece for the newsletter for the attention of all members. All executive members were invited to comment on the draft.</p> <p>RH reported that she attended a Masterclass at Cumberland Lodge organised by the ESRC DTCs led by Linda Mulcahy, for PhD students on the DTC socio-legal pathway. Three places were made available for non-DTC students which we agreed would be funded by the SLSA, however there were ultimately no takers for these places. The event was very successful and the students were highly appreciative of the opportunity both to discuss socio-legal theories and methods with experts in the field and to meet other PhD students working in the same field. A similar event is planned for next year which the SLSA will again be asked to support. It was AGREED that the association would fund up to five places next year for non-DTC students.</p> <p>RH invited the executive to suggest nominations for fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences. A number of names were suggested. It was also AGREED that a general call for suggestions for nominations will go to the membership via the newsletter and e-bulletin.</p> <p>RH confirmed that both of the association's invitations to the Law Commission to participate in the Lancaster conference were accepted. David Ormerod had confirmed to RH afterwards that the Criminal Law and Criminal Justice session had gone very</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH and MS</p>

<p>well. The offer of a free place for a Law Commission research assistant was also taken up, and RH received an appreciative email afterwards from Rory Kelly saying how interesting and useful he had found the conference.</p> <p>RH also received a follow-up query from the Law Commissioner for Commercial and Common Law seeking input into their 13th Law Reform Programme.</p> <p>RH confirmed that she and Rosie Harding will attend this year's annual meeting between the Law Learned Societies and the Law Commission scheduled for Wednesday 8 June.</p> <p>RH confirmed that she has been participating indirectly (via colleague Peter Alldridge) in the deliberations of the LSA's International Activities Committee. The Committee's report takes on board our suggestions for mutual exchange and information sharing between LSA and other well-established national/international associations.</p> <p>RH expressed thanks to Dave Cowan, Sharon Cowan, Jen Hendry and especially Michael Thomson for helping to organise the SLSA drinks reception to be held at the LSA annual meeting in New Orleans. Invitations have been sent to members of: SLSA, RCSL, CLSA, LSAANZ, the Onati IISL network, the LSA Board of Trustees and the LSA International Activities Committee.</p> <p>RH led a discussion on reported restrictions on access of researchers to active Court files. It was AGREED that as an association we will keep a watching brief on this issue.</p>	RH and RosieH
3.2. Vice Chair	
Nothing to report.	
3.3 Treasurer	
<p>Mark O' Brien reported that the association's finances remain in a healthy state, although he noted that a number of significant expenses had come out of the accounts recently.</p> <p>MOB reported that the Postgraduate Conference (held at Oxford) was more expensive this year - £10K approx. MOB will query whether we need to pay VAT. MOB noted that we need to keep costs of the postgraduate conference under control.</p> <p>MOB reported that they were close to resolving the issues with the Lloyds Bank Account. Lloyds now accept there is a new treasurer.</p> <p>MOB reported that he reviewed what we are owed after going through the accounts. He is now contacting the relevant parties.</p> <p>MOB reported that upwards of £3K as been paid into the Lloyds account. It is currently impossible to identify who these people are. After numerous calls for members to change payment details it is now seen as a voluntary donation.</p> <p>MOB reported that he continues to work on resolving the issues with the association's Paypal account. Their system does not as standard recognize unincorporated associations. We need to get it recognized. It was AGREED that MOB will examine the use of WorldPay as an alternative.</p> <p>Thanks to anonymous donors for their gifts of £500 and £250.</p>	<p>Mark O' Brien</p> <p>Mark O' Brien</p> <p>Mark O' Brien</p>
3.4 Membership	
Maebh Harding to check out rules on data protection and our compliance regarding	MH

membership data. Nathan to check whether people who paid discounted rate at conference as members were all actually members.	MH
3.5 Recruitment	
No report received.	
3.6. Newsletter and Web Editor	
Marie Selwood reported on her work since the previous meeting. MS reported that she and Jed Meers continue to work on revamping the e-bulletin, but were having difficulty getting the templates to work. MS reported that it is now time again to request sponsors for the newsletter. MS and RH to co-ordinate on this.	MS and JM RH and MS
3.7 PG Student Representative	
Natalie Corbett reported on her future plans as the new PG representative. It was confirmed that undergraduates are entitled to apply for membership of the association on the same terms as PGRs. RH to send NC membership recruitment flyers.	RH
3.8. Webmaster	
Written report submitted by Jed Meers. It was AGREED that the following would write blog pieces for the SLSA blog: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosie Harding • Siobhan Weare and Tom Webb (Warwick Conference) • Kevin Crosby and Nikki Godden-Rasul (Newcastle Conference). MS to invite members to volunteer to submit a blog post. MS raised the continuing problem of the association website coming under attack and how we can make it more secure. This matter will be discussed further in the next executive meeting when JM is available.	RosieH SW and TW KC and NGR RH
3.9 International liaison	
Sharon Cowan clarified what her role is. It includes being a contact point for international socio-legal bodies, a contact point for international delegates attending conference, and when feasible helping to recruit international members. RH to send SC membership recruitment flyers.	RH
3.10 Social Media	
Jen Hendry reported on her work since the previous meeting.	

<p>We now have 2149 twitter followers.</p> <p>JH invited people to contact her if they have anything relevant they want advertised on social media.</p>	
<p>4.1.a Lancaster 2016</p>	
<p>The executive thanked the Lancaster University team for organising a successful conference.</p> <p>Tom Webb provided an overview of the conference. TW and SW agreed to liaise with KC and NGR to provide relevant information to assist the Newcastle organisers.</p> <p>Details on the donation will be known in August 2016.</p>	<p>TW and SW</p> <p>TW</p>
<p>4.1.b. Newcastle 2017</p>	
<p>Kevin Crosby and Nikki Godden-Rasul led a discussion on whether to have a band at the conference dinner. It was AGREED that this will be explored further and will be discussed again at the next executive meeting.</p> <p>It was AGREED to have the speeches before the dinner.</p> <p>There was a discussion on whether or not to continue with author meets reader sessions for prize winners. Possible alternatives include video interviews, blog posts or articles in the newsletter. It was AGREED to defer the decision to next executive meeting.</p>	<p>KC and NGR</p>
<p>4.1.c Future conference</p>	
<p>Bristol dates confirmed for 2018 conference – 27-29 March.</p> <p>Leeds dates yet to be confirmed for 2019 conference.</p>	<p>RH, MT and JH</p>
<p>4.2 Postgraduate Conference</p>	
<p>RH confirmed that the next PGR conference will be hosted by LSE.</p>	
<p>4.3 One Day Conference</p>	
<p>The executive discussed the proposals for one-day workshop from Emilie Cloatre. This would be a UK-French socio-legal workshop. It was agreed that this was a good idea, and holding it in Paris would also make sense. There would need to be ceiling on costs and possibly a registration fee. It was AGREED to ask for a budget and then see what the association can offer.</p> <p>One-day conferences are expected to break even or be profit-making.</p> <p>MS to put call in the newsletter to invite proposals for one day conferences.</p>	<p>RH and EC</p> <p>MS</p>

5.1 Book prizes	
It was AGREED that the membership of the book prizes committee for the forthcoming year is as follows Diamond Ashiagbor, Lois Bibbings, Naomi Creutzfeldt, Jonathan Garton, Jen Hendry, Rosemary Hunter (chair).	
5.2. Article prize	
The executive were reminded that all members of the executive are invited to partake in judging the article prize.	
5.3 Contributions to the socio-legal community	
MS to advertise to members.	MS
5.4 Grants	
It was AGREED that the membership of the grants committee for the forthcoming year is as follows: Kevin Brown, Emilie Cloatre, Natalie Corbett, Dave Cowan, Neil Graffin, Jess Guth (chair), Lydia Hayes.	
5.5 Seminar	
It was AGREED that the membership of the seminar committee for the forthcoming year is as follows: Sharon Cowan, Jonathan Garton, Maebh Harding, Rosie Harding (chair), Michael Thomson, Tom Webb.	
5.6 Research Training and Mentoring Awards	
It was AGREED that the membership of the seminar committee for the forthcoming year is as follows: Lois Bibbings, Dave Cowan, Naomi Creutzfeldt, Maebh Harding, Rosemary Hunter (chair). The executive discussed whether or not to set deadlines instead of having a rolling approach. It was AGREED to set deadlines to see if that encourages more applications. Executive members encouraged to send information about the awards to their institutions. It was AGREED to refer to the schemes using the terminology 'grants' and 'awards'. It was AGREED that E-Bulletin should set out they are two separate schemes (research training grants and mentoring awards).	
6. Reforms to Legal Education	
MOB reported back on SRA reform discussions. Everything is stayed for a year. There was discussion of the Higher Education White Paper and the two government consultations. Rosie Harding to report back on what aspects of the report/consultations are relevant to the executive and might require an association response. This includes exploring whether we should have a joint response with other relevant learned societies.	RosieH

7. Next Meeting Dates	
<p>Meetings to be held at 12:30pm in London (venue to be confirmed) on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 14 September. • Thursday 12th January. • Thursday 18th May. <p>Kevin Brown to book meeting rooms.</p>	KB
8. Any Other Business	
None	