

<p><b>Present: Kevin Brown, Rosemary Hunter, Rosie Harding, Jen Hendry, Gethin Rees, Marie, Selwood, Mark O’ Brien, Francis King, Maebh Harding, Charlotte Bendall, Dave Cowan, Marian Duggan, Michael Thomson, Margaret Downie, Jed Meers, Jess Guth.</b></p>	
<p><b>Agenda item</b></p>	<p><i>Action</i></p>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p>	
<p>Chris Ashford, Gita Gill, Naomi Creutzfeldt, Sarah Blandy, Sarah Christie, Antonia Layard, Jonathan Garton, Anne Barlow.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of 22.01.14</b></p>	
<p>The Minutes were approved.</p>	
<p><b>3.1 Chair</b></p>	
<p>See Chair’s report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>IALS Archive</i> – agreed in principle to approach IALS to see if they will hold SLSA archive, and offer funding to cover cost of cataloguing within reason. RH to liaise with IALS.</li> <li>- <i>Publishers Liaison</i> - The committee noted its appreciation to Andre Naidoo for his previous work in this role. Francis King agreed to take on the role. RH to introduce Francis to Andre.</li> <li>- <i>Academicians</i> - Nominations successful - Roger Cotterrell, Fran Wasoff, Carl Stychin. Executive Committee invited to consider this year’s submissions – a couple of suggestions made; to consider further at next Exec meeting.</li> <li>- <i>Open Access</i> - Good audience at the annual conference for OA event. Marie has sent to all our sponsoring law schools a copy of our open access document. We will continue to promote our document via social media. Those on committee who produced the document happy to give a presentation on it to interested parties.</li> <li>- <i>Australia Conference</i> - Email from Ben Livings saying that co-organisers have requested that we don’t hold our own conference the year of the joint conference. Executive resolved that this would not be a financially viable option. BL to explain reasons when liaising further with LZAANZ committee. Also some confusion as to whether the joint conference will be held in 2017 or 2018. BL to clarify (we have been working on 2018).</li> <li>- <i>World Consortium</i> – Discussion of whether or not the SLSA should join. RH to inquire about an appropriate level of contribution.</li> <li>- <i>Joint Conference with LSA in Mexico, 2017</i> – Invitation from LSA to co-sponsor this conference. At this point not certain to go ahead. No guarantee of financial return, but no financial risk to us. Agreed to co-</li> </ul>	<p>RH RH All  BL  RH  RH</p>

<p>sponsor at minimal level. If CLSA is also co-sponsoring, explore possibility of joint activities with them at conference (e.g. reception, panels). Discussion of developing a more reciprocal relationship with LSA. Possible options (1) to investigate mutual discounted rates on respective conferences through recognition of one another's memberships (2) a standard advert in the LSA review or the newsletter and offer to reciprocate in ours; (3) email distribution of each other's newsletters to respective memberships. RH to contact Carroll Seron to discuss.</p>	
<p><b>3.2. Vice Chair</b></p>	
<p>-No report.</p>	
<p><b>3.3 Treasurer</b></p>	
<p>Generally positive. Money awarded going out as scheduled. Some confusion with Northumbria University paying money to SLSA account. Requests to have this corrected have been made.</p>	<p>MOB</p>
<p><b>3.4 Membership</b></p>	
<p>As per report.</p>	
<p><b>3.5 Recruitment</b></p>	
<p>As per report. Discussion of possible initiative on having a prize draw for those who 'recommend a friend'. Decided this may be something to revisit in future.</p>	
<p><b>3.6. Newsletter and Web Editor</b></p>	
<p>As per reports. Resolved that we will seek feedback from Chris Ashford on how popular the newsletter proved to be at the LSA before deciding whether or not to send hardcopies in the future.</p>	<p>CA</p>
<p><b>3.7 PG Student Representative</b></p>	
<p>As per report.</p>	

<b>3.8. Webmaster</b>	
<p>As per report.</p> <p>Executive resolved to fund ongoing admin support from Lewis for one year.</p> <p>Guidance document to be produced for Stream Convenors to edit their pages.</p> <p>SLSA blog facility ready to be tested. Volunteers from the executive to complete a post where sought. Volunteers Gethin, Rosie, Jess, Jen, Marian, Rosemary.</p>	<p>JM.</p> <p>JM, RH, GR, JH, MD, JG.</p>
<b>3.9 International liaison</b>	
<p>As per report.</p> <p>It was agreed that Ben Livings would take over this role from Kevin Brown. RH to contact Ben about extending the role to include liaison with other associations as well as individual members.</p>	<p>RH</p>
<b>3.10 Social Media</b>	
<p>Currently, 918 twitter followers, 287 Facebook friends. LinkedIn group has some IT problems at the moment.</p>	
<b>4.1.a RGU 2014</b>	
<p>On behalf of the executive RH thanked everyone at RGU for a successful conference.</p> <p>Margaret Downie reported back to the executive. She confirmed there were approximately 300 registered delegates. Margaret advised the following for subsequent conferences – (1) sufficient numbers are kept on the organisation committee (2) organisers have weekly meetings in the run up to the conference including a summary meeting two weeks prior to the conference (3) organisers visit the hotels beforehand (4) a luggage room be provided for delegates (5) Wifi operates in all relevant areas and sufficient IT support is provided (6) that almost 50% of delegates obtaining the early bird rate applied on the final day (7) Easychair is valuable but needs one person to oversee it.</p> <p>The financial breakdown from the conference will be available for the meeting in September.</p>	
<b>4.1.b. Warwick 2015</b>	
<p>Site visit by RH and others very positive. RH sought reassurance that there will be enough space for catering and publishing in the designated area.</p> <p>Maebh Harding reported on progress. Conference to use Warwick's conference online booking system. The Mead Gallery if available may be used for the PGR poster competition and drinks reception. A bursary (amount to be decided) will be granted to all poster competition entrants. There was discussion of methods to allow delegates to express their views on the posters – e.g. with stickies or via social media.</p> <p>Dates of conference confirmed for 31st March to 2nd April 2014.</p>	

<b>4.1.c Annual conference 2016 and 2017</b>	
2017 - Kathryn Hollingsworth and Nikki Godden will be joint leads for Newcastle University.	
<b>4.1.d Annual Conference 2018 and 2019</b>	
An expression of interest had been received for hosting the 2018 conference. The executive agreed to put out a call this time next year for 2018 and 2019.	
<b>4.2. Postgraduate Conference</b>	
<p>The folder needs to be send to RHa but has not yet arrived. RH will chase this up with Fiona Cownie or Helen Stalford.</p> <p>The conference will be advertised in the Autumn with the standard line-up/topics, with some local input. Cap of 50 which we usually fill.</p> <p>RHa will organise accommodation/catering/dinner.</p> <p>Dates – w/c 5 January Wed/Thurs of Thurs/Fri.</p> <p>RH will contact speakers regarding the dates.</p>	RH, RHa
<b>4.3 One Day Conference</b>	
<p>National training day with IALS and BL – As per Chair’s Report.</p> <p>Next year’s collaboration with IALS and BL – will suggest a socio-legal criminal topic. We will contact the British Society of Criminology to see if they would like to be involved as well. Gethin Rees to provide contact details of relevant person to RH. To be largely aimed at postgrads. Possible dates – November/December or February/March rather than April.</p> <p>Oxford CSLS Conference – As per Chair’s Report. Preparations in progress. David Nelken confirmed as keynote speaker. There will not be a registration fee, but there will be a charge for those attending the dinner. The call for papers is still out. RH to encourage publication of papers in the Palgrave Macmillan socio-legal series.</p>	<p>GR, RH</p> <p>RH</p>
<b>5.1 Book prizes</b>	
<p>A call for nominations will be made via the newsletter and the e-bulletin. Nominations can be made by members or publishers.</p> <p>Discussed proposed prize rules for the new socio-legal theory and history prize. This will be a prize of £250 (same amount as existing prizes). The prize fund is sufficient to cover four iterations. This might be more than four years if the prize is</p>	

not awarded in a particular year. The winner of the new prize cannot also win in another category in the same year.	
<b>5.2. Article prize</b>	
No changes from last year.	
<b>5.3 Contributions to socio-legal community</b>	
Marie confirmed that call for nominations to be advertised imminently.	MS
<b>5.4 Grants</b>	
Membership of Committee to remain as per last year aside from Jane Scoular (former chair of committee). Jess Guth (current chair) confirmed that PhD Fieldwork application form has been updated to require applicants to be explicit on their existing funding and to clarify that ethical approval must be granted prior to payment of grant. Deadline for applications with be 31 <sup>st</sup> October.	
<b>5.5 Seminar</b>	
Maebh Harding, Michael Thomson and Gethin Rees agreed to join the committee. Mark O' Brien confirmed that the committee is in the process of providing feedback to this year's successful and unsuccessful applicants.	
<b>6. Law Learned Associations LETR Working Group</b>	
Jess Guth reported back to the executive on the progress of the Working Group. Executive resolved to invite representatives from the SRA and BSB to attend the September meeting to discuss their proposals and our concerns.	RH
<b>7. Constitutional Amendment</b>	
AGM resolved to renew RH as chair for further term. Also resolved not to accept the proposed amendment to the constitution and asked instead for matter to be given further consideration. Dave Cowan provided report recommending no change. Upon further consideration executive resolved that there is no need to amend. The existing constitution constructs honorary officers as constitutionally separate from the members of the executive committee. The members of the executive committee are limited to only two terms, with no fixed terms for honorary officers.	
<b>9. Next Meeting Dates</b>	
Dates for next meeting - 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 15 <sup>th</sup> January, 14 <sup>th</sup> May.	

<b>10. Any Other Business</b>	
None.	