

Annual General Meeting Minutes 01.04.15

Ramphal Lecture Theatre, R0.21 University of Warwick 13.00 to 13:42

### **Present**

Michael Thomson, Helen Carr, Sarah Blandy, Marie Selwood, Gethin Rees, Edward Kirton-Darling, Bernard Keenan, Dave Cowan, Petra Mahy, Marian Duggan, Claire McCann, Julie McCandless, Marie-Andree Jacob, Naomi Creuzfelt, Jen Hendry, Lois Bibbings, Janine Sargoni, Linda Mulcahy, Amanda Perry-Kessaris, Solange Mouthaan, Raza Saeed, Tom Webb, Ben Mayfield, Francis King, Radha D'Souza, Simon Sneddon, Maebh Harding, Jonathan Garton, Carla Crifo, Vanessa Munro, Kevin Brown, Charlotte Bendall, Chris Ashford, Mark O'Brien, Rosemary Hunter, Iyabode Ogunniran, Nwudego Chinwuba.

Agenda item Action

1. Apologies

Jess Guth, Jed Meers, Rosie Harding

- 2. Minutes of AGM 2014
  Approved with the amendment to include Maebh Harding as present.
- 3. Officers' Reports
- 3.1. Chair's Report

A written report was provided (see papers) and the Chair highlighted several points.

In particular, thanks were offered to those Executive members who were standing down at the AGM or who had resigned during the year: Chris Ashford, Anne Barlow, Sarah Christie, Marian Duggan, Gita Gill and Antonia Layard.

Kevin Brown will take on the role of Secretary, and a new Vice-Chair and Membership Secretary will be appointed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

#### 3.2. Treasurer

A written report was provided (see papers). The accounts had been audited and confirmed by Professor Brian Simpson with one amendment involving an underpayment of £4.40 to Anne Barlow.

# 3.3. Membership Secretary

A written report was provided (see papers).

## 3.4. Recruitment Secretary

The society had been promoted during the year via a variety of forums and utilising social media.

#### 3.5. Newsletter and Website Editor

A written report was provided (see papers).

#### 3.6. International Liaison Officer

We became an institutional member of the World Consortium for Law and Society. A question was raised from the floor suggesting the need for a broader conversation about the need for global engagement. The Chair emphasised the ongoing dialogue taking place on this issue via the World Consortium.

## 3.7. PG Student Representative

A written report was provided (see papers). The meeting commended the considerable work undertaken by the current PG Student Representative.

### 3.8 Social Media Officer

Our social media presence is continuing to develop well. There appeared to be much more tweeting during the annual conference compared with the previous year.

There are currently 260 likes on the 'open' Facebook page, 551 on the closed Facebook forum, and 1454 Twitter followers. A prize is being offered to the 1500<sup>th</sup> 'follower' on Twitter.

## 3.9 Webmaster

A written report was provided (see papers).

### 4. Elections to the Executive Committee

A second term was confirmed for Jonathan Garton.

Lois Bibbings was proposed by Dave Cowan and seconded by Janine Sargoni.

Emilie Cloatre was proposed by Dave Cowan and seconded by Helen Carr. Although she was not present at the meeting, Dave Cowan presented email confirmation of her agreement to stand.

Nwudego Chinwuba was proposed by Iyabode Ogunniran and seconded by Sarah Blandy.

Carla Crifo was proposed by Vanessa Munro and seconded by Maebh Harding.

There being four vacancies on the Executive Committee, all four nominees were declared elected.

New members were informed that the next Executive meeting would take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at IALS, London.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Next Meeting

The next AGM will be held at the Lancaster 2016 Conference on 6 April 2016.