



British Association of Film,
Television and Screen Studies

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 26 April 2014

Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

Chair: Brian Winston (Lincoln)

1. Apologies for absence (less proxies).

The meeting was deemed quorate by Chair's Action. There were no proxies. No apologies were received.

2. Announcement of election of chair.

Phil Powrie announced as incoming Chair.

3. Minutes of the EC: to be received

Minutes received and approved.

4. Chair's Report

- Brian Winston gave an overview of the history of the Association and congratulated Phil Powrie on his new role as incoming Chair.
- The BFI had launched responses to its call for New Horizons about future directions for FT&SS related matters and BAFTSS had replied on behalf of the Association.
- BAFTSS had sent an open letter to The Guardian newspaper about the need for better representation of film and media studies in their league tables, as currently they are clearly not listed as separate units. No reply had been received from the paper as yet.
- BAFTSS had set up an JISC list for its members.
- BAFTSS was liaising with the WJEC A-Levels Film Studies exam board after being approached by them due to a possible threat to shut down the subject area by the Government.

5. Membership Report

- Alex Marlow-Mann as Membership Secretary informed the meeting that we currently have 155 paid members and 855 members subscribed to the JISC list.
- A question was asked from the floor as to whether membership was open to those wanting to join from outside the UK and this was confirmed in the affirmative.
- It was decided that benefits of the membership should be clearly listed on the BAFTSS website and via postings on the JISC list.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Lucia Nagib verbalised the following report: As of 9 Jan 2014 we had £4446.49 in our account. I have been unable to get an updated statement from the bank, because this account does not provide us with a card and RBS customers' helpline was faulty as of 23rd April. However, further information is as follows. There hasn't been any significant withdrawals since 9 Jan, except for one minor travel reimbursement (c. £20). There are two PG event prizes of £250 each = £500 to be paid to the winners in the next few weeks. On 23rd April, Alex transferred £2,240 from our membership Paypal account into our BAFTSS RBS account. Anna Claydon has reported a profit of £3000+ from the conference which puts us in a more comfortable situation to fund next year's conference and to rethink prizes and PG support. However we must bear in mind that there will be some minor expenses to do with the conference, including EC members' attendance



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and others, which I hope will not exceed £500 altogether. The sum total of the above would be in the region of £8,600.00

- It was discussed and agreed at the AGM that membership fees would remain as £20 for salaried members and £10 for concessions. This would be reviewed on an annual basis.

7. Relations with other bodies

- In addition to the relationships that we are having with external bodies as mentioned in the Chair's report in item 4 above (e.g. with WJEC), BAFTSS is liaising closely with publishers to arrange discounts for members. We are also in discussion with a number of publishers about their forthcoming e-books and open access arrangements, not least in the light of forthcoming REF 2020 requirements, in order to be able to share these with our members.
- We continue to work with MeCCSA and have invited them to attend our EC meetings and vice versa.

8. Annual Conference Planning

Ann Claydon on behalf of the annual conference sub-committee gave an overview of the history of the conference planning and themes with attention to last year's and this year's conference. She reminded the Meeting that hosting opportunities existed forthcoming conferences and that anyone interested in hosting should get in touch with her.

9. Graduate network

The Chair formally thanked Victoria Kearley and Rachael Keene for their work as our PG Reps on the PG Network which was up and running. This included the PG Network section on the Facebook page and also funds being taken up by the PG community offered by the Association.

10. BAFTSS Awards

- Only 1 submission each was received for the PGR Best Article and Best Practitioner and as such it was agreed that these would not be entered for competition.
- The Meeting was reminded of the process and to consider submitting their work under the relevant categories.

11. A.O.B

- Andrew Moor was appointed temporarily for one year as the Vice-Chair of the Association as per the Constitution.
- A reminder was given to the Meeting to encourage submissions to the peer-reviewed journal Frame as operated from the University of St Andrews.

12. Time and Date of next meeting

At next annual conference in 2015, exact details TBC.