



British Association of Film,
Television and Screen Studies

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

11am Thursday 24 April 2014

Room L103, Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London,

Present: Andrew Moor, Phil Powrie. Anna Claydon, Joe Andrew, Paul McDonald, Alex Marlow Mann, Rajinder Dudrah; Stefano Baschiera; Beth Johnson

1. Apologies for absence: Lucy Mazdon; Brian Winston was running late.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR

- RD reported that a call for nominations for this post had been sent out via the JISC list to all members and that only 1 nomination was received for Prof. Phil Powrie, therefore Phil Powrie was elected and the announcement was to be made at the AGM. It was decided that we need to appoint a Vice-Chair due to this position being opened up and it was agreed that we all need to think about this and put names forward.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST EC WERE CIRCULATED.

- All approved subject to noting that Paul McDonald's apology for not being able to attend the Reading meeting had not been recorded. We discussed the **Action Points** arising from the last minutes and agreed that all were dealt with. This included the follow-on discussions and agreement that AMoor will communicate with Quay Tickets re administering our paid membership and we could act on this subject to the fee being agreeable. Phil Powrie announced that he knew one of the Directors at Quay Tickets but all agreed that this did not amount to a conflict of interest.

Action Point: Stefano Baschiera is to liaise with Phoenix Fry re working on, developing and uploading material on to the BAFTSS website for an agreed fee and working parameters i.e. what will he charge us and how will he work with us/ how regular will the contact be etc?

- The meeting agreed that we would continue with our Twitter account (which is growing) but for now will not create a Facebook page; we will update the website and maintain and the JISC e-list. The EC agreed to announce and network for possible PG volunteers at the book launch event later today to consider joining the EC.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Brian Winston was running late so it was agreed that he can announce this at the AGM on Saturday.

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Alex: membership is down from last year. It is currently 173 members and last year it was 290. The JISC discussion mail list currently has 855 members. We discussed and agreed to keep the fee at £20 waged and £10 unwaged fee. In order to present at the BAFTSS conference all must be paid members. We revisited earlier discussion of institution membership along the lines of other associations and agreed that our fees were competitive.

Action Point: Pending on from AMoor's discussion with Quay Tickets to see if they can administer the membership for us for a mutually agreed fee, including whether they can help set up a direct debit for automatic yearly renewal, and to cc Ppowrie and RD when he contacts them.

- We agreed that the future conference in terms of delegates presenting was to be for paid BAFTSS members only. All EC members were to explore with publishers at the conference re possibilities for future events and discounts.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Lucia Nagib not present at the EC meeting so agreed that she could announce this report at the AGM on Saturday.

7. DISCUSSION OF THE BAFTSS EMAIL LIST (POLICING; EXPANDING; PURPOSE).

- We discussed that we were now happy with the way the JISC list was being run and moderated by the EC. We discussed the Newsletter and **Action Point:** AMoor and Anna Claydon and RD to try and get 3-6 news items for the next newsletter (300-500 short pieces from BAFTSS members and conference delegates) on new books, research grants, and what's happening in our fields over the past 6-12+ months.

Action Point: Stefano Baschiera is to liaise with Phoenix Fry re working on, developing and uploading material on to the BAFTSS website for an agreed fee (i.e. what will he charge us?) and what will his working parameters be? Stefano to report back at the next EC.

8. RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES

- (including attached report from the WJEC A-Level Board via Jeremy Points and Andrew Moor)
- We discussed the issues arising from the WJEC paper. Paul MacDonald note that we need to move outside our membership base and interests beyond HE to include the FE and secondary levels too. All agreed.
- BAFTSS needs to build bridges and links beyond film TV and screen studies more too, i.e. with digital and new media and creative industries sectors, wherever relevant.

Action Point: All to contact our PGCE Depts./admissions to see if they can put us in touch with any e-lists or databases that they might have for film, TV and media studies in the sixth form and FE sectors and to report back by next meeting.

Action Point: AMoor to liaise with Jeremy Points re finding out how to get in touch with representatives from DfE and Ofqual so that BAFTSS is one of the organizations that is consulted.

Action Point: PPowrie to check the FT&SS related subjects Quality Assurance statements to see who contributed to these and we can then follow up with who they are and contact them re curriculum development.

Action Point: AMoor and RD to respond to Jeremy's paper and to invite him to next EC.

9. ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING (NEXT YEAR'S LIFETIME AWARD RECIPIENT; LOCATION ETC.)

- Joe and Anna in conversation with colleagues at Cambridge though their facilities might not be apt due to limit in numbers and booking systems. Cambridge to be asked to give us an answer asap.

Action Point: Paul MacDonald and Andrew Moor and RD to contact their respective Universities in terms of how much they will cost.

- 2015 dates: 16-18 April or 23-25 April (Thurs to Sat)
- Phil to be co-opted along with Anna, Joe and Andy to be part of the conference sub-committee.
- Possible Lifetime Award Recipients: Christine Geraghty and Phil Powrie to approach.
- Practitioner Keynote: New media names to be thought about by all.

- Memorial Award : Agreed that it was Stuart Hall and that his partner Catherine Hall is to be invited to accept it.

10. GRADUATE NETWORK

- All to talk to PGs over the conference weekend re what they need and want from the Association and to try and sound out for any volunteers.

Action Point: Where relevant, all EC members to contact their Directors of the new Doctoral Training Programmes/Colleges re organising a possible joint co-hosted event for BAFTSS

11. BAFTSS AWARDS (INCLUDING PRIZES FOR NEXT YEAR)

- Fewer submissions than anticipated due to all having been published in 2012.
- Next round to be inclusive from January 2013 and 31 August 2014 period and to apply for all categories – books, articles and practice.

Action Point: Phil Powrie to run this from his office at Surrey.

- This will be open to members only. The winners will receive a BAFTSS Certificate, free conference registration (excluding accommodation) and given the option to present a paper. Anna needs to know who is on the nominations list as part of her conference planning. All big BAFTSS related publishers should also be contacted re this and whether they would like to co-sponsor this.

12. AFFILIATED JOURNALS

- Should we try to have affiliated journals, rather than just ‘resources’ as per <http://www.baftss.org/resources/>
- Phil Powrie: should we contact some journals to see if they would like to be affiliated with us as a networking possibility?

Action Point: Phil to write to the main journals to explore further.

13. AOB

- RD reminded EC colleagues to gather any suitable material for the newsletter which can and should include good news items, grant awards, PhDs completed etc.

Time and Date of next meeting: Mid-July onwards RD to arrange a Doodle poll to set a date for a meeting in Manchester.