

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

25 October 2013

University of Reading

Present: Brian Winston/BW (Chair), Beth Johnson (BJ), Lucy Mazdon (LM), Alex Marlow Mann/AxM, Joe Andrew/JA (Conference Organiser sub-committee member attending in non-EC capacity), Andrew Moor/AM (Minutes), Stefano Baschiero/SB, Anna Claydon/AC (Conference Organiser sub-committee member attending in non-EC capacity), Lucia Nagib/LN.

1. Apologies: Phil Powrie, Vicky Kearley, Rachel Keene, Rajinder Dudrah, Tim Bergfelder

2. Receipt and Approval of Last EC Minutes held at the University of Lincoln.

- Accepted and Approved

3. Matters Arising

- Co-opted members (JA & AC) reported they do not always receive EC emails. AGREED to ensure they are included on all future communications.
- Correct spelling of SB's surname noted.

4. Report on the Association (Chair):

- BAFTSS sent a letter to Egyptian Embassy London calling for the release of John Greyson & Tarek Loubani from prison in Cairo, following calls from the mailing list.
- AGREED that the current arrangements to moderate the email List were successful. A discussion was had about the tenor of recent postings from one member of the list and it was agreed that the moderators (AM, RJ, AxM) would continue to monitor.
- It was noted that PP had written to the Guardian @ the absence of film studies from their HE tables.
- It was noted that Jeremy Points (WJEC) is in on-going contact with RJ regarding the place of Film Studies on schools curricula.
- It was noted that BAFTSS had made contact with Richard Paterson (BFI Head of Research and Scholarship) to establish itself as a point of consultation, but that no further contact had been received from BFI.
- It was noted that PM and LN had met with Screen Studies Group re co-sponsoring of BAFTSS 2014 conference and discounted membership of BAFTSS being available for people attending the SSG PG event October 2013. It was **AGREED** that EC members wishing to broker similar membership discounts for other groups should liaise with LN.

ACTION POINT: LN to distribute details of the deal we offer to potential PG members.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance: £3711.79 (30 Sept) excluding recent awards (£500) to PGs.
- EC was reminded that BAFTSS can afford £200 in total for travel costs to EC meetings (and £50 max per person). Applications for reimbursements should be made to LN (using the form which has circulated – or can be obtained from LN). Treasurer's advice is to claim for real-cost and she will consider claims accordingly.

ACTION POINT: LN to contact RBS for advice about opening a flexible (instant access) deposit account.



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4. Membership Report

- AxM reported BAFTSS now has 242 members (up from 199 in April 2013). We had 217 lapsed members in April 2013 and now have 208. The new members are mainly new recruits.
- List: we now have 782 (up from 711 in April 2013).
- There was a discussion about setting up standing orders for membership renewal. AxM advised there are technical problems and that this would be labour intensive, as he would have to activate members individually after LN informs him that standing orders have been processed. It was AGREED that we should aspire to a new website and payment system for the 2015 calendar year, and we should collectively look at other websites.

ACTION POINT: AxM, LN & SB to research what functionality, content etc. we want from this new system and to explore costings.

ACTION POINT: Twitter and Facebook are also formats to be considered.

6. 2nd BAFTSS Conference Planning

- SSG are to be advertised as co-supporters – and some form of support will come from them (to be clarified).
- Conference costs currently stand at under £2000.
- Working numbers now in, (43 accepted papers so far, 80% being Dyer-related) and a 3rd and final call is to go out. Anticipated fees: £80 for 3 days; £40 PGs/unwaged; daily options available too.
- **AGREED:** that conference registration fees can be waived for conference sub-committee.
- **AGREED** AM to contact Quay Tickets with a view to having booking open Jan 6th to April 4th (though late bookings could be made direct on the day if they contact us). It was noted that we need to explore ways of protecting booking for members only (some cross referral needed).
- It was noted that all members of EC are prepared to chair panels.
- PG/Early Career session (in parallel to EC, prior to conference): the theme of this session will be 'Getting a Job': Conference sub-committee to identify people in post (including one person holding a more senior position) to help run this session.
- Professional plenary: Chibnall and Loraine Blakemore have volunteered to assist with this.
ACTION POINT: BW to make contact with Peter Golding.
- Visiting Filmmaker: **ACTION POINT: JA** to ask Shane Meadows. Other names to be considered for 2014 or future conferences: Stephen Frears; Tony Garnett; Clio Barnard; Thelma Schoonmaker.
- High Commission of India been contacted requesting sponsorship of *Pazeekah* screening.
- CAMBRIDGE 2015: Contact at Cambridge to be asked what themes may be suitable for them, and recipient of lifetime achievement award to be identified / practitioners to be considered. BJ proposed that some effort should be made to make TV Studies more central in 2015.
- CHAIR expressed gratitude of EC to conference sub-committee.
- Conference sub-committee's next meeting is January 15th at Leicester.

7. PG Representation on EC

- AM reported that RK and VK have each tendered their resignation from the EC due to pressures of work & vivas.

ACTION POINT: BW to advertise on list for people to nominate themselves for election to the 2 x PG positions on the EC. They should provide a statement to explain their suitability. The advertisement should clearly indicate that election to the EC is only available to BAFTSS members.

- It was AGREED that gratitude should be recorded to RK and VK for their work for BAFTSS.

8. AOB

- BW reported that he intends to resign from the EC and that there are constitutional deadlines regarding AGM to be observed. **ACTION POINT:** RD, BW and PP to liaise now regarding the rationalisation of the EC representation & arrangements for electing / appointing new members to the EC.
- AGREED: Newly elected members of the EC will serve for 3 years, thus staggering the composition of the EC.

ACTION POINT: PM to be asked to announce the BAFTSS Competition for books / articles published in 2012 asap. Judging panels have been set up, and we will need submissions to us before Christmas as awards are to be made at the Conference. EC was reminded that its own members cannot compete.