

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

2pm Wednesday 8 July 2015

Room 103, Minghella Building, Whiteknights Campus, University of Reading.

Present: PP (Chair), AC, LN, JL, BW, CP, AM (Minutes), AP

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Sue Harris, Beth Johnson, Rajinder Dudrah

2. MINUTES OF EC APRIL 2015

- Approved.

3. UPDATE ON ACTION POINTS (DOCUMENT CIRCULATED)

- PP reported all items done or in progress except for item regarding 'mid career award' (BJ)

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Advisory Board (document circulated): discussion about names to be added, and further consideration to widening the Board to include practitioners.

AP1: PP to add Professor Lucia Nagib to Board, and write to Professor Jason Wood, Director of Film, HOME, and to Senior MECCSA representative, inviting them.

- OFQUAL Consultation: PP has attended meetings on behalf of BAFTSS. High risk of Film Studies GCSE being withdrawn, and possible risk of A Level Film being withdrawn. AC reported same situation for Media Studies

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Paid-up members: 207 / List subscribers: 984.
- Discussion re attracting international members: Journal, website and transnational pitch of 2016 Conference may help. New website should ensure our Mission Statement clearly denotes international remit.

AP2: PP to ask MECCSA about proportion of list members to paid individual members.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- AC and LN confirmed current balance: £7504.00.
- Noted that the drop in current account due entirely to cost of space for 2015 Conference. Space is being given at no cost for 2015 (Reading) and conference will aim to return a profit.

7. UPDATING THE BAFTSS CONSTITUTION

Item on Agenda in error. Nothing to report.

8. RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES: BAFTSS AND DOCTORAL TRAINING COLLEGES (DOCUMENT CIRCULATED)

- Low demand from PGRs & issue of competition with BAFTSS PGR competition noted.
- AGREED that ONE event will be run in LONDON.
- AGREED this will be in early 2016 INSTEAD of PGR Competitions in that year, with purpose of raising BAFTSS's profile with DTP's and AHRC.
- AGREED to explore possibility of holding this at Reuben Library, NFT.

AP3: PP to raise with DTPs in South East (Reuben Library?) & contact EC for help running event.

9. BAFTSS WEBSITE

- Update and action needed on a new/revised website and host – (Document circulated).
- PP reported family connection to Harrymjones.com (possible web-designer). EC confirmed this is in order.
- AC asked that we explore possibility of website being used as portal for conference registration fees as well as membership fees.
- AMM reports Harry will need to export membership data into a new system or restructure so we can access membership details via website (currently it is a plug-in).
- AGREED PP to liaise with AM, RD & AMM, and approach Harrymjones.com.
- AGREED We will stay with 123 for registration of the domain name.

AP4: PP to liaise with AM, RD and AMM and approach Harrymjones.com. PP to get details of all interactions with Roche (current site hosts) from AC & inform Harry Jones.

10. BAFTSS 2016 CONFERENCE PLANNING (AC)

- Discussion re John Akomfrah (nominated as Lifetime / Outstanding Achievement Award Winner): AGREED we will offer LIFETIME Achievement Award 2016 to him.
- AGREED: we will look for non-UK, non-native-Anglophone Plenary Speaker. Raymond Bellour to be approached.
- AGREED: at 2016 AGM, we seek approval to change award to 'Outstanding Achievement Award' and propose all members may nominate winners for 2017.
- AGREED: Conference theme will be TRANS: with consideration of categories to be given (eg Transnational, Transmedial, Transgender/sex, Translation).
- Closing date for first call MID OCTOBER for individuals and panels. 2nd call will have deadline before Christmas
- PP to contact journals re panel proposals.
- AGREED: EC will ask EC members to approach their own universities for registration fee in the first instance.

AP5: PP: Offer Lifetime Achievement Award to John Akomfrah & invite Raymond Bellour to give Plenary Talk. Invite Journals to propose panels.

AP6: RD to note Agenda item for AGM 2016: Ratification of change of name of award to 'Outstanding Achievement Award' to allow for greater flexibility. Ratification of proposal to invite members to submit nominations for 2017 winners.

11. BAFTSS GRADUATE NETWORK

No report submitted.

12. BAFTSS JOURNAL (BW) (DOCUMENT CIRCULATED)

- AGREED: BW to proceed with discussions with Martin Eve, OLH. Provisional Title: *Open Screens*: full EC to be consulted on this.
- Summary of BW's report:
 - No topics, or nationality specified;
 - Lifetime Achievement Winners, Plenary speakers and Advisory Board to be approached. Aim to receive 20 articles (= 2 issues) before putting out first CFP & announcing launch of journal.
 - Editorial Board to be augmented & formalised.
 - Editorial Board to be charged with remit to secure articles.
 - Editorial Board to cover all subject expertise
 - EC & Advisory Board can also find us articles

- PhD students also to be approached.
- Editorial policy to be written (private document)
- Editor and Reviews Editor to be established.
- Martin Eve will look after production etc.
- Word Length 3 – 10,000 words.
- Once Journal established we may look towards themed editions / dossiers.
- Primary source material, 'From the Archive' etc., may also be solicited
- TIMELINE: December 2015 for Collection of Articles,
- Discussion re use of clips (CLA Rule is 10%): Martin Eve will publish and take down if asked.

AP7: PP to put title (Open Screens) to EC for discussion / agreement.

AP8: BW to go forward with Martin Eve, reconvene the Editorial Board & report back to EC before the end of the year.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- AGREED: to fix dates of THREE ECs annually (Apr (Conference), July and Nov).
- AGREED: presence of 4 x named EC roles (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) is important. PP will doodle poll dates with these people then EC will be invited.

AP9: PP to doodle poll VC, Secretary, Treasurer to establish future EC dates.

14. EC TRAVEL AND EXPENSES

- PP proposes full travel expenses to be reimbursed to EC.

AP10: Exec Committee to let AC know their estimated costs of attending 3 x ECs in one year in London, Manchester and Birmingham. They should also state how they would travel, and whether they would prefer to have all meetings in London.

14. AOB

- AGREEMENT RATIFIED: Change of BAFTSS Bank Account signatories from Lucia Nagib and Alex Marlowe-Mann to Anna Claydon (TREASURER) and Phil Powrie (CHAIR) to reflect changes in personnel on Executive Committee.

AP11: AC to provide Lloyds Bank with Minutes of this Executive Committee to facilitate transfer of account and signatories.

Time and Date of next meeting: Proposed to agree a date in late Nov 2015 (CP requested ideally not the 20th)