



British Association of Film,
Television and Screen Studies

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

16 April 2016

University of Reading

1. Apologies (Rajinder Dudrah)

Sue Harris, James Leggott, Chris Pallant

2. Minutes of the EC Meetings held in 2015 to be received (Rajinder Dudrah)

The minutes were recorded as received. It was noted that an incorrect surname of 'Holland' was mistakenly included for Agnieszka Piotrowska.

3. Chair's Report (Phil Powrie)

- OfQual and new curricula – Phil Powrie as Chair of BAFTSS has been attending and chairing a number of stakeholder meetings as part of the restructuring of GCSE and A-Level Film Studies curricula. BAFTSS members have been asked to act as consultants by the curriculum organizations (Phil Powrie for WJEC and Sue Harris for OCR).
- QAA Benchmark Statement – These meetings have been Chaired by Peter Golding from MeCCSA and Phil Powrie has been in attendance on behalf of BAFTSS. The idea of a Film Studies benchmark was suggested at the meetings but not taken up by the benchmarking group. The document for consultation on this is ready and available online until June. Phil Powrie will circulate the link to all at BAFTSS via the JISC mailing list.
- Website – The new BAFTSS website is now up and running and the EC will continue to review it on an ongoing basis and welcomes the input from members in terms of any ways to further improve it.
- Awards – The BAFTSS Awards were announced and given on the first day of the conference. We are pleased to have made an Award for Research as Practice for the first time.
- Elections – Nominations were received for the various positions that have been made available on the Executive Committee:
 - Vice Chair: Until 2018 Andy Moor nominated and seconded by Phil Powrie and Rajinder Dudrah
 - Treasurer: until 2018 - Anna Claydon, nominated and seconded by Phil Powrie and Rajinder Dudrah
 - Secretary: until 2017 - Sue Harris nominated and seconded by Phil Powrie and Rajinder Dudrah
 - Ordinary member: until 2018 - Alex Marlow-Mann, nominated and seconded by Andrew Moor and Phil Powrie
 - Ordinary member: until 2018 - Charlotte Crofts, nominated and seconded by Sarah Barrow and Catherine Grant
 - Ordinary member: until 2008 - Elena Caoduro, nominated and seconded by Tim Bergfelder and Lucy Mazdon

The AGM was inquorate, so the membership in accordance with the Constitution would be invited to vote by email. Those present at the AGM unanimously recommended acceptance of those nominated above.

WITHDRAWN Ordinary member: until 2018 - Anna Claydon, nominated and seconded by Andrew Moor and Phil Powrie

4. Membership Report (Alex Marlow-Mann)

- 135 paid members up to the end of the calendar year 31 December 2016. The JISC mail list has 1,063 subscribers and it is moderated.

5. Treasurer's Report (Anna Claydon)

- Prior to the conference the bank balance was £8653.17. Once PayPal memberships from November 2015-April 2016 were deposited, the balance rose to £10,719.17. In addition to this, pre-conference payments account for a further £2,222.50. Income at the conference (before any invoices are paid into us) has been a further £1545 (of which £40 is membership fees). Income anticipated from invoices will add circa £600 to this total. Once costs for the conference (circa £1436.21) are accounted for the anticipated conference profit will be circa £2500. This has now put us in a position where we are able to increase the number of PG Awards from one per year to two per year (in November and April) and to also slightly increase the amount of the awards. The profit also means that the 2016 conference has now made back the majority of the loss that was shouldered from the conference in 2015.

6. Graduate Network Report (MaoHui Deng)

- Second rep is required and Mao was pleased to report that the BAFTSS PG Awards have been opened up to include applications for travel bursaries to attend conferences where PG members are presenting papers.

7. Journal (Open Screens) (Brian Winston)

- It is anticipated that the Association's journal should be launched in 2017 onwards with up to 3 issues a year. We expect the journal to be published with the Open Library of the Humanities: <https://www.openlibhums.org>

8. AOB

- Sarah Street from the University of Bristol said a few words about her new Departmental building at Bristol, where next year's conference will be held, and showed a few photographs of the new venue.
- Anna Claydon informed the AGM of an email which will come around about establishing a BAFTSS Education Network, following a successful teaching and pedagogy-focussed panel during the conference.
- BAFTSS formally records a note of thanks to: Rajinder Dudrah who is stepping down from his role as Secretary due to taking on a new senior job at Birmingham City University; and also to Beth Johnson for her work as an Executive Committee member, who is stepping down due to taking on a new role at the University of Leeds and also becoming a mother.

Time and Date of next meeting: Annual conference at the University of Bristol 2017