



Association of Social Anthropologists

of the UK & Commonwealth

Minutes from 2019 AGM

5th Sept 2019, UEA

Present

Simone Abram, Julie Scott, Yulia Egorova, Jude Robinson, Hannah Knox, John Gledhill, Laura Rival, Marilyn Strathern, David Shankland, Veronica Strang, Emma Gilberthorpe, Jeanette Edwards, Shahaduz Zaman, Papreen Nahar, Andrew Irving, Elizabeth Kirstoglou, Henrike Donner, Olga Demetriou, Jonathan Mair.

Non-members: Tom Yarrow, Heidi Armbuster (non-mem), Dominika Michalak

1. Previous minutes are located on the About Us page of the website
2. The Chair sends his apologies due to ill health. The meeting is chaired by Media Officer, Hannah Knox. The chair wished to welcome the new members of the committee: Mair, Knox, Ingold
3. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
4. The ASA administrator presented the 2018 accounts on behalf of the treasurer (who sent here apologies due to a broken leg).
5. Conferences: St Andrews on 'Responsibility' in 24-27 August 2020, needs bids for 2021
6. New members list displayed and approve. Numbers constant at ~550.
7. Discussion
 1. Conferences of future, format: Ingold proposed a narrower single/double stream event.
JG concerned about reduced inclusion (multi-discipl, students, international)
SA agreed; this sort of seminar is what WG symposia grants are for
EG this was the comm's opinion
MS agreed, 'focus' is misleading, where a broad theme is revealing.
HK reported on the 'redesigning conf' discussion from day before, as big int'l confs may not be sustainable; consider formats that might extend beyond a conf
LR consider moving to biennial, rather than annual? And in-between doing something virtual. Slow science.
JR supports the committee exploring those suggestions

SA states that project design that incl. running an int'l event should make use of these confs as the time/place.

2. JR reported on progress the review panel. Members selected and topics identified. Work ongoing.

DS raised issue of OA repository and agreed approach.

3. UKAN – chair reported.

VS reprised the intentions of UKAN initiative.

SA supported NR's approach.

8. AOB

YE: Uni of Durham has some entry-level (lectureships) appointments in SocAnth coming up

JR: committee should look to ensure there is space for ECR at the conf

RJ: New Ethnographers meeting; brown bag on ethics – all done this year. AM continues to be supported and new eds in place.

SA asked about networks: Apply had a meeting; 2 new networks; AOB no meeting, but some content here, if not officially.

JG: EC symposium in Rio, which might be of interest. On BritAcad website for applications.