



The Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth

Minutes of committee meeting

2-6pm, 18th November 2011, @ RAI

Present

Atreyee Sen, Raminder Kaur, Cate Degnen, James Staples, Ian Fairweather, Zem Moffat

Apologies

James Fairhead, Nayanika Mookherjee, Rohan Jackson, Megan Caine, Lotte Hoek

Previous minutes

Approved

Nb. RK stands in as Chair

Outstanding Action Points From Last Reports

- 1) JF and RJ to liaise over publicising ASA's lobbying work on site and in monthly emails
- 2) JS to check with JG as to whether the advance from Fardon, Gledhill, Harris, volume has been received
- 3) NM to clarify ESDS discussion

Reports

Chair:

question of whether RAI should have access to member database, it was agreed no, with all queries to be sent to RJ

Publications:

Finally got Shacklands and Skinner monograph to press, question of whether it was necessary to inform membership of delay, it was agreed not to announce it as a delay

Action: JS will keep admin informed re: monograph progress

Discussion of HAU vs ASA on-line discussion

ASA2012: good response to call for panels (over 60)

Question of who to replace JS

Action: ALL to gently ask around

Treasurer:

there is over £100,000 in budget, questioned if ASA should support PG students as well, agreed £2000 from first fund to be divided between 5 students

Action: RJ to announce on conference website travel grants available for PG students asap, **AS** to send **RJ** details (£2000 to be divided between 5 PG students who are members of the ASA and

whose papers have been submitted. Deadline Dec 7th 2011. They will find out if they have it at same time as proposal accepted. They must submit one reference with their abstract to **AS**)

Networks:

CD also to go in 2012. Jenny Blain @SHU or Rachel Gooberman Hill @Bristol, suggested as replacements.

Action: CD to approach

PG Liaison:

IF raised question of what to do with £5000 from C-SAP? It was agreed to set aside figure for DiDi's keynotes then use rest for Teaching and Learning Event. Committee agreed to keep Teaching Competition, extending deadline to end of January.

Action: IF to look into feasibility of organising Teaching and Learning Event, timed with 2AGM and next meeting.

Action: ZM to doodle dates for next meeting (2/9th March 2011, Manchester), organise snacks, prepare slides for AGM

Action: IF organise meeting rooms

Action: JF to send notice to departments as soon as AGM dates set

Action: IF to reannounce Teaching competition Event, re-circulate to HODs, invite previous winners to attend

Action: RJ liaise with **IF re:** r/e publicity and lobbying action

ASA2012

Action: AS liase with **RJ** to follow up publications (Routledge) sponsorship of Abstract Book

Action: RJ create a revised budget for ASA2012

Action: provision for **RJ** to organise on-line meeting to discuss ASA12 in January

Action: RJ to put in under travel section of conference website 'any questions re: visa, and/or your combining conference and holiday' to contact RJ.

ASA2013 STAR

Action: JF to contact Firth Lecture possibles

Action: AS get conference letter signed by STAR speakers (postponed until decision made by STAR as to whether they delay the conference to 2014)

Action: ZM announce conference 2014 @Plenary 2012 (,, ,,)

ASA Online

Suggestion that publications officer takes it onboard when new one comes to office.

Action: JF to write to Simone to consider this possibility, also ask if she'd like to take part in committee meetings until this happens and/or send in an Online report

Action: RJ to send ASA on-line posters to all committee members and HODs

AOB

Suggestion of ASA blogging competition 'Ethics and the Web,' where 1) entrants blog must 'engage' with ASA ethics guidelines, and 2) answer the question, what makes their blog anthropological. Prize money of £100/£150. Assessment criteria and judges as yet undecided (suggestion of 5 judges).

Action: ZM to research and liaise with **RJ** over possible technical forms and put suggestions to committee.

Concern raised over lack of ASA public profiles

Action: CD to contact figure heads to make public statements, profiled on ASA website

Action: RJ add social media links to ASA webpages

A-Level Students and discussion of Manchester's MAD (Manchester Anthropology Day)

Action: CD to liaise with **IF** to work together on a statement detailing what one can do with an anthropology degree and to contact anthropology departments to collate information about careers that anthropology graduates have pursued

Action: RJ to create webpage and put on site

Next meeting

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