



The Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday 23rd November 2012

Mtg Rm 5, 5th Floor, Chrystal Macmillan Building, 15a George Square, Edinburgh

Present

James Fairhead, Zemirah Moffat, Lotte Hoek, Rohan Jackson, Mike Poltorak, Matt Candea, Rachel Gooberman-Hill, Ian Fairweather, Atreyee Sen

Apologies

James Staples

1. Previous Minutes

Agreed

2. Matters arising from last minutes

Actions

- a) RJ to continue IUAES Student grant discussion
- b) RGH began copy of flyer promoting ASA. To re-draft, circulate and send
- c) JF to contact JS r/e ASA Handbook publicity
- d) LH to find out whether EP left RB things to ASA.

3. Reports

a. Chair (JF)

Report submitted

Actions:

- i) All to consider post REF pulling together Impacts - ie signposting and/or re-packaging work for popular consumption
- ii) Agreed to pay ACSS £500. RJ has requested Megan to make the payment.
- iii) Committee expressed pleasure at MS's acceptance of Firth speech
- iv) JF to circulate Theresa May/Immigration correspondence around HODs and work with ACSS; AS to lobby with Council for the Preservation of Universities; RGH to write equivalent statement for ASA website so RJ can post on website and circulate around members.

b. Treasurer (LH)

Report submitted

Actions

- i) Megan Caine to continue chasing up membership
- ii) All to help promoting ASA to increase full paying members
- iii) IF to circulate letter to HODs letting them know of £300 annual grant to support student societies. RJ to put web presence.

c. Admin (RJ)

Report submitted

Actions

- i) RJ to finish online digital archive of minutes and reports. Then circulate officers for missing pieces
- ii) \$500/£310 agreed to pay WCAA 2012. RJ has asked Megan to make the payment
- iii) JF to revise his letter regarding name-change then forward to RJ to circulate to members, initiating consultation, in time for voting at AGM
- iv) RGH to develop statement of what we do

d. Learning and Teaching Officer (IF)

Report Submitted

Actions

- i) IF To transfer JISCMAIL to new LATAN list with opt-out clause
- ii) Agreed to split L&T competition prize three ways - 2 for teachers, 1 for PhD students, equal amounts. IF to action.

e. ASA Networks (RGH)

Report Submitted

Actions

- i) RGH to liase with AS on supporting PG event at IAUES
- ii) Agreed £100/year contribution towards PG tea and cake events
- iii) RGH to liase with RJ on making journal production simpler
- iv) JF to discuss inability of ASA to provide platform for Vimeo video with author (see report)
- v) RGH to confirm with JS discount on ASA monograph
- vi) RGH to circulate refined versions of letters to potential membership, to agree and get out (see 2b)

f. Ethics (MC)

Report submitted

Action

- i) MC and JF to collaboarate on HoDs letter r/e Data Collection and implications of Open Access, then circulate
- ii) MC to find contributors for an ethics blog entry, then post.

g. Publications (JS)

Report Submitted

Action

- i) Of the 3 Sage Handbooks, two to be used to entice student members. RGH to word. The other to be used for L&T prize. IF to word.

h. Conference Liason (AS)

Report submitted

Action

- i) AS to continue chasing AM title and abstract for paper.

i. Media (MP)

Report submitted

- i) discuss film under item 6.

4. New ASA Chair and Publications Officer (JF) nomination procedure and suggestions

Action

- a) JF to script email with ZM advertising opening of two offices. To send out to HoDs and Members ASAP, asking for expressions of interest by the end of Feb 2013.

5. Ethics of Data Storage (MC) & Implications of open access publishing on learned societies, e.g. challenges for RAI (JF)

Previously covered, continued discussion of problems of Open Access for financial viability of learned societies (AAA and RAI)

Action

- a) MC to find out more and report back to ASA on implications of open access on learned societies. Continue talk with David Shankland, amongst others. To have report prepared for AGM meeting March and distributed to HoDs.

6. Visual Media and the ASA (MP)

Open discussion r/e ASA contribution to broadening AV use STAR

Action

- a) Agreed to no longer run short film competition
- b) RJ to remove film competition from website, archive existing content, and contact filmmakers represented.

7. Membership Fees (LH)

Previously discussed

8. Contribution to WCAA (LH) and ACSS (JF)

Action

- a) agreed b\$500 for WCAA and £500 for ACSS. RJ has asked Megan to pay these.

9. University funding and UG recruitment into the discipline (JF)

Agreed

- a) to have it discussed at meeting of HoDs on 15th March

10. Combined ASA and RAI networks (JF)

Action

- a) RGH to liase with David Shankland.

11. ASA14 (Ian Harper)

JF thanks IH for hospitality and ASA14 and Firth Lecture with MS agreed. IH tells committee of conference progress: an organising and programming committee set-up; dates are 19th June (Wed-Sat); STAR run event (with Aberdeen, Glasgow and St Andrews) in Edinburgh City (St George's Hotel); theme is on Anthropology and Enlightenment with panel events showcasing Edin, Aber and

St Andrews. Also some parallel events showcasing city architecture/fringe events (ie meet author of an ethnography in a pub, guided walks etc...). Continued discussion of shape of ASA14 in relation to other events and funding streams.

Action

i) RJ to email STAR with timeline sheet.

12. ASA conference 2015 - time to advertise? (JF)

Action

i) RJ to liase with AS r/e email call for Unis to offer hosting for ASA conference 2015. Deadline for submissions to be April 2013.

AOB

None

Next Meeting

Either Friday 15th March or Monday 18th March 2013. London.

Action

ZM to doodle