

Notes of the BSRLM Open Forum held on 16th June 2007 at Sheffield Hallam University.

Executive Committee Vacancies

There will be several vacancies on the BSRLM executive committee from 2008. Three of these posts are due to the current post-holders reaching the end of their terms: Chair, Treasurer and Publications Secretary. There is also a new post due to the recent constitutional changes: a second member without portfolio, who will take responsibility for the organisation of day conferences. All the positions are for a period of 3 years, except for the Publications Secretary which is for a period of 2 years.

Elections will be held at the BSRLM AGM at the day conference on 17th November 2007 at the University of Northampton. Nomination forms have already been distributed to the membership.

Ken Ruthven (Chair) described the roles and encouraged interested members to contact any of the current executive.

Day Conference Fee Changes

There will no longer be an increased fee penalty for registration on the day. Members will be encouraged to register in advance and to inform conference organisers in advance if they are intending to attend. In future, all day conference attendees will be required to be BSRLM members.

Proposal for the Janet Duffin Memorial Fund and Lecture

The meeting began with a remembrance to Janet Duffin.

There was a discussion on the proposals for the award, which had been previously circulated. These included contributions received from members not present. Several suggestions were made including reserving the option not to make the award in any year and making delivering the lecture a condition of the award. The meeting discussed whether the recipient of the award should be required to be a BSRLM member. A suggestion was made to award honorary membership to the recipient. The meeting considered several options and there was unanimous support for the proposals, that the award should not be restricted to BSRLM members and that those voting for the award (executive committee members and RME editors / editorial board) should not be eligible to receive the award.

Ken Ruthven thanked the meeting for the discussion and suggestions. The executive committee will consider the suggestions made at the open forum in finalising the details of the award with Bill Duffin.