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## **BERA SIG Co-ordinator**

Alison Clark-Wilson, Institute of Education

## **Day Conference Organiser**

Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai, University of Reading

## **Annual General Meeting: Minutes**

### **Reading University: 7 November 2015**

Present: Adrian Simpson, Alison Clark-Wilson, Cathy Smith, Cecilian Kilhamn, Christian Bokhove, Gwen Ineson, Heather Mendick, Helen Thouless, Hilary Povey, Janet Lord, Jenni Ingram, Jennie Golding, Jeremy Hodgen, K. M. Nabiul Alam, Karen Skilling, Keith Jones, Leo Rogers, Matthew Inglis, Nathalie Vazquez Montez, Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai, Paola Iannone, Paola Ramirez, Rachel Marks, Ros Hyde, Sue Pope, Vivien Townsend

1. Apologies for absence were received from Gill Adams and Sue Forsythe
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes were not taken last year; the record will be completed with minutes noting that reports were given
3. Matters arising from the minutes: The Chair said that she did not believe there were any matters arising and gave anyone present at last year's meeting an opportunity to raise any: None were raised
4. Executive Committee Reports
  - i. Chair's report

This was tabled, summarised and discussed. The Chair asked that people email any thoughts on the reintroduction of BSRLM Honorary Awards. The main focus of discussion was the proposal to replace the RME Current Reports with abstracts from the Informal Proceedings. The Chair described how she hoped this would enable support for ECRs and maintain the link between RME and BSRLM. The Current Reports Editor, Cathy Smith, outlined the difficulties with the Current Reports, in particular the difficulty of offering a rigorous account of research in two pages and the amount of time she was putting into editorial support. There was a question regarding copyright implications and a clarification that copyright remains with authors for *all* contributions to RME. It was agreed that in the transition between these two arrangements, Cathy Smith and Gill Adams would collaborate on outlining in the next steps. Based on this the BSRLM Executive and the Editors of RME would agree the changes needed. After this the role of

Current Reports Editor would cease with the editorial support for abstracts coming from the BSRLM Publications Officer.

- ii. Treasurer's report: This was tabled, summarised and noted.
- iii. Membership Secretary's report: This was tabled, summarised and noted. One member raised the point that institutional memberships were often paid by institutions rather than individuals. The Chair said that the executive would look again at the possibility of offering this with a different cost structure.
- iv. Publication Secretary's report: This was tabled, summarised and noted. There was a question about BSRLM Proceedings from BCME and their accessibility.
- v. BERA SIG Co-ordinator's report: This was tabled, summarised and noted.
- vi. Day Conference Organiser's report: This was tabled, summarised and noted.

5. RME editorial report:

Adrian Simpson gave an oral report on behalf of the Editors of RME. As noted in the Chair's report, the BSRLM Executive have agreed a proposal to merge the existing Editorial Board and International Advisory Board and a call is currently open for new Editorial Board members. Overall, the journal is in a relatively strong position. The international profile of the journal is developing well. Over the past 13 months, submissions were received from 29 countries. The submission rate has increased to around one paper every four days. It is hoped that this will lead to an increase in the quality of the papers. The Editors urge BSRLM members to consider RME as a venue for publication as only 12 of the 103 submissions were from the UK. The Chair thanked the editors of RME for their work on the journal.

6. Elections to Executive Committee

- i. Treasurer (for three years and four months): Gwen Ineson had been nominated and was appointed.
- ii. BERA SIG Co-ordinator (for three years and four months): Alf Coles and Karen Skilling had been nominated. There was a ballot for this post with Alf Coles being elected.

7. Proposed changes to the constitution: The proposed changes to the constitution and the rationale for these were announced by the Chair giving notice of the Executive's intention to bring these to the next AGM (see track changed copy of the constitution). An additional change was suggested and it was agreed to take this to the next AGM too: to change Informal Proceedings to Proceedings.

8. Any other business:

The Chair thanked Alison Clark-Wilson and Sue Forsythe who are stepping down from the executive for their fantastic contributions to BSRLM.

The Chair made the AGM aware of the BSRLM flyer. There was a request for this to be made available as a download from the website.