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Executive Committee 2017-18

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Day Conference Organisers

Geoff Wake, University of Nottingham

Marie Joubert, University of Swansea

Online Communications Coordinator

Pete Wright, UCL Institute of Education

Annual General Meeting Minutes

10th November 2018, Kings College London

1. **Apologies for absence:** Ems Lord, Cathy Smith, Dave Hewitt
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** were agreed as an accurate record including ratification of the decision made at the last AGM for the Executive of the BSRLM to, from time to time, respond on behalf of the Society to external consultations on matters of relevance to the Society by seeking open consultation with the Society. Also ratified were changes to the names of executive committee roles i.e. Membership Secretary to Membership Coordinator and additional changes of Bera-Sig and Outreach Co-ordinator to Outreach Co-ordinator and Publications Secretary to Publications Officer. The word 'two' was inserted before Day Conference Organisers.
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - I. **Chair's Report:** Sue Gifford summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. She thanked outgoing members of the executive and the interim editors of Research in Mathematics Education (RME) for their work and the smooth handover to the new editors. She reiterated the call for Editorial board members of RME. She reminded Society members about the annual vote for the Janet Duffin award with the remit of voting for an article from the ones which you have read that you consider to have the most significance for you. She announced the publication of BCME9 proceedings and the imminent publication in January 2009 of a Review of BSRLM proceedings over last 15 years by Rachel Marks, Nancy Barclay, Alison Barnes and Paraic Treacy.
 - II. **Treasurer's Report:** Gwen Ineson summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. She highlighted current issues regarding developments with the website and as a consequence a dip in the Society's savings. Another financial consequence of the website issues is the lack of facility to encourage members to contribute when

they register for day conferences to the Leone Burton fund, to support new researchers attending the New Researchers Day conference.

- III. Membership Secretary's report: Helen Thouless summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. Due to a slight drop in membership she has contacted ITE and PD providers, send flyers to other relevant bodies. She noted that diversifying the location of day conferences, for example to new locations such as Swansea in June, has been successful in attracting new members.
- IV. Publications Officer's report: Fiona Curtis summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. She acknowledged the quality of the proceedings coming through. She encouraged all presenters to submit proceedings of their talks. Currently presenters with the most and least experience seem to be less like to submit proceedings compared with those who have a reasonable amount of experience in mathematics education research.
- V. Online communications Officer's report: Pete Wright summarised his report that had been circulated in advance. He encouraged all who have done a presentation at the conference to write a blog for the website. He reported that the committee is currently investigating making some significant changes to the management of the website in the near future.
- VI. Outreach Coordinator's report: Alf Coles summarised his report that had been circulated in advance. A key elements of his role is to link with the British Education Research Association (BERA). Alf encouraged members to consider presenting at the next BERA conference . The call for abstracts is January and there are no proceedings.
- VII. Day Conference Organisers' report: Geoff Wake and Marie Joubert summarised their report that had been circulated in advance. They highlighted the issues with extreme weather this year that affected attendance at the Nottingham conference. The conference in Swansea was small but positives were the attendance of local teachers and researchers. Geoff and Marie want to reduce the use of plastic and paper at conferences and would therefore like to encourage members to use online information as much as possible on electronic devices. Some suggestions were made by members to Geoff and Marie for implementation for future conferences:
 - when offering a session presenters could be asked if they are available for whole day to try and pre-empt later changes to the program
 - a suggestion of a box on the website to opt in for making the email address of presenters available for people to contact.
 - it was pointed out that less paper and plastic would require greater reliability of the website so it is always available.

Geoff and Marie thanked Karen Skilling, the local organiser for all her work. Karen thanked the student helpers and her maths team colleagues for their support.

5. **RME Editors report:** Laura Black, Keith Jones and Alf Coles thanked the outgoing interim editors for all their work. RME has an international reputation and the journal status has risen in recent years which is a testament to work that previous editors have put in. They are keen to increase the number of reviewers for the journal and encouraged interested members to get in touch (rme@bsrlm.org.uk)

identifying key areas they can offer. The special issue this year contributed to lifting the profile of early childhood maths education. The journal is still seeking new members of the editorial board with a remit to be prepared to review about 6 papers every year and contribute to decisions about the future of the journal. The editors are interested in how the journal and the BSRLM can be more closely tied together. Sue thanked the editors for their work this year.

6. Election to Executive Committee

Nancy Barclay – elected as Treasurer unopposed

Colin Foster – elected as Outreach Co-ordinator unopposed

Sue welcomed the incoming executives to the committee.

7. AOB

Jennie Golding – JMC in their evaluation of BCME9 (British Congress of Mathematics Education) found many positives, however, every 4 years the conference is a big commitment for core organisers, and a significant financial risk for the organisers. As BSRLM is intimately connected to BCME Jennie asked members to contact her at j.golding@ucl.ac.uk with their responses in relation to the following suggestions (or any other ideas).

Possible response:

- Focus on practitioner interaction with research and with developments in the field (via BSRLM but also other JMC bodies)
- Move to 3 consecutive days in June/July with overlapping foci: mathematics education for 3-13 year olds, for 11-18 year olds, and for 16+;
- Each day 0930-1830h, to be organised by a separate sub-committee;
- Lunch and mid-morning/afternoon refreshments provided, other accommodation and refreshments independently organised.

Sue thanked those present and closed the meeting.