

NALA Executive Meeting

Saturday 15th January 2022, 10.00- 12.00

Zoom

Final Minutes

1	Welcome and apologies	<p>MOS welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Alice Harrison (AH), Bev Whiteside (BW), David Moss (DM), Mike Rauh (MR), Jenny Carpenter (JC), Marie O'Sullivan (MOS), Lorna Harvey (LH), Yvonne Kennedy (YK), Linda Owen (LO), Alison Taylor (AT), Rona Heald (RH)</p> <p>Apologies had been received from: Martin Ash, Rebecca Rickard.</p>	
2	Minutes from previous meeting 16 th October 2021	<p><u>Matters arising:</u> <u>Item 2 (Action Points)- carried over from 13th February 2021</u> <u>Item 2 (Context)</u> Putting out the recordings of the Spring Series on the NALA website had been delayed. No requests had been made for these. It was felt that as part of a future archive these should be put on the website even though no one at present had requested them</p> <p><u>Item 2 (Action Points from 13th February 2021</u> <u>Item 3 (AOB)), Re: YK's attendance at Language Trends meeting and meeting notes.</u> The deadline for responses is 28th January.</p> <p>Minutes accepted as accurate record of proceedings. Proposed: AH Seconded: JC</p>	<p>MOS and AH to proceed with this.</p> <p>YK to follow this up</p> <p>MR to send Final Minutes (16.10.21) to MOS for website</p>
3	Matters arising	<p><u>Item 2</u> <u>Putting out the recordings of the Spring series on the NALA website</u> See above</p> <p><u>Item 8</u> <u>Executive- extending membership</u> MR reported that Rebecca Rickard had been invited to join Executive, and has accepted, but was unable to attend today due to a long-standing family commitment.</p>	

		<u>Apart from matters discussed under Item 2, no further matters arising.</u>	
4	Officers' reports Appendix 1	<p>Attached (Appendix 1)</p> <p>In addition: <u>President</u> The DfE has recently published the final GCSE French, German and Spanish subject content. There have been some changes from the version proposed in 2021 but it would appear that the concerns raised by subject associations and exam boards in November 2021 have not been fully addressed.</p> <p>Judith Rowland-Jones (AQA) has organised a meeting (Mon 17th January) with awarding bodies and subject associations to discuss next steps. JC and DM will represent NALA at this meeting. There followed a lengthy discussion about impact the new subject content is likely to have at KS2, 3 and 5.</p> <p>In particular Exec members agreed that NALA needs to ensure that 'social justice' is not hi-jacked as a means to making the new outlines appear more acceptable.</p> <p>JC proposed that NALA should work towards formulating an intelligent criticism of the outline and suggest ways forward to help advisers and teachers understand and navigate the new content.</p> <p>There were no other additions to Executive Reports.</p>	JC and DM to meet after Monday's meeting and to report back.
5	Regional reports	<p>Due to constraints of the pandemic regional meetings are not taking place at present. Exec members discussed and agreed that the regional structure of NALA needed to be evaluated</p> <p>AH: more need for focus groups as discussed before (see DM's proposals) JC: we need this to be added to the Development Plan- a longer term view of purpose of Regional Meetings and the future way forward. DM: even a successful region (like the Midlands under RH's expert guidance) does not attract new members and meetings end up as re-runs of Executive as sometimes only Exec members from the region attend. JC: how do we draw in membership? LO: some value still in physical meetings JC- Key points for development plan needed as to way forward</p>	RH with MR to draft key action points (based on DM's paper)
6	Discussion	Alan Moys RIP	

	items	<p>Tributes from Lid King and also from Harmer Parr (circulated to Executive). JC had written to Alan's widow. He had been "a seminal influence over a long period of time". RH actually worked with Alan and was Secretary for 1 year when he was Chair and spoke warmly of his character</p> <p>Conference 2022 AT thanked DM for converting the various responses to a more accessible format and MR for carrying out the membership survey. DM presented key findings. Ultimately a conference could not/ should not be booked on the basis of possible attendance only in the current circumstances. Key people (MR, Bridget Smith, Olly Hopwood) could not attend anyway. Next stage depends on hotel response- can we defer a booking to 2023? Can we use part of the deposit held by hotel for some other form of meeting?</p> <p>Possible formats of a Spring/ Summer series of 3 sessions with contributions from amongst: a representative of CLIE (Gee Macrory?) Olly Hopwood YK following up on decolonising language learning- (this had the biggest audience in 2021) ITT (Lesley Hagger-Vaughan?) Working within a MAT (Rebecca Rickard?) Chris Martin?</p> <p>Follow up from Social Justice survey Grammar Project A short resumé where we are at present with these. Spanish needs checking. These items to be placed on next agenda</p>	<p>MOS to post tributes on website</p> <p>BW to talk to hotel about possibilities of deferring booking to 2023</p> <p>AH, DM and MR to meet for next stage of planning</p> <p>DM to send links to Spanish content to AT</p> <p>MR to add Follow up to Social Justice survey and Follow up to Grammar Project to next agenda.</p>
7	Date(s) of next meeting	<p>Full Executive Saturday 14th May 2022 Final Planning for Conference 2022/ Spring/ Summer series (if needed) Planning for AGM</p> <p>Conference Team- meeting tba</p>	
8	AOB	<p>AH thanked MOS for chairing the meeting</p> <p>Meeting closed 12.07pm</p>	

Appendix 1

Officers' Reports January 2022

Chair

"No report due to illness"

Secretary

Since October 2021

- Taken and written draft minutes (Zoom 16th October 2021)
- Forwarded agreed minutes for Zoom Executive (Zoom 15th May2021) to MOS (Comms Officer)
- Liaised with AH (Chair) , drawn up and distributed Draft Agenda for Zoom Executive Meeting 15.1.22
- Continued and concluded communications with Jurys Inn Sheffield re possible Executive meeting in January 2022
- On behalf of AT (Conference) carried out conference survey amongst members
- Met with DM and AT virtually re Conference planning

Mike Rauh, 8th January 2022

Treasurer

How things stand at the bank

Current account

Balance as of 9th January	£7502.83
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Conference account

Current balance	£1508.03
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Deposit account

Current balance	£7796.18
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- Membership – 37 paid members, 5 honorary. Membership income (including donations) = £2390. 7 members not responded re payment – accounts suspended.

- Conference deposit already paid in 2021 and carried forward to 2022 due to Covid 19. Dates booked 1st/2nd July 2022.
- No fraudulent transactions.
- Accounts being prepared by BW to send to accountant for certification.
- Spend analysis for 20/21 to be completed by BW.

Bev Whiteside
NALA Treasurer

9th January 2022

Communications Officer

The following activities have been undertaken since the last report was submitted:

- Continued to update Stop Press with links and information
- Liaised with the Treasurer regarding subscriptions and access to the website, and with members retiring from NALA.

Marie O'Sullivan

Communications Officer

10/01/22