

NALA Executive Meeting

Saturday 14th January 2023, 10.00-12.00

Zoom

FINAL Minutes

1	Welcome and apologies	<p>AH welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Alice Harrison (AH), Bev Whiteside (BW), Mike Rauh (MR), Jenny Carpenter (JC), Marie O’Sullivan (MOS), Alison Taylor (AT), Yvonne Kennedy (YK), David Moss (DM)</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Martin Ash and Rona Heald.</p>	
2, 3	<p>Minutes from previous meeting 24th September 2022</p> <p>Notes from previous meeting 25th October 2022</p>	<p>No matters arising.</p> <p>Proposed: BW Seconded: AH</p> <p>Identity of NALA: JC and YK had had problems finding an opportunity to discuss this. This to be pursued. National Convenors: Similarly. DM and AH- this to be pursued. Conference: the Conference Team had met- feedback under Item 5 (1).</p> <p>Proposed: JC Seconded: AT</p>	<p>MR to send Final Minutes (24.9.22) and Notes (25.10.22) to MOS for website</p>
4	Officers’ reports Appendix 1	<p>In addition: President JC pleased that NALA is represented on the Editorial Board of the Languages Gateway.</p> <p>NALA had received invitations to virtually attend the next APPG meeting (MOS may well be able to attend) and Pearson’s meeting on the new specifications</p> <p>JC stressed the importance of having to “fight” for what should and shouldn’t be included in the new exams, and to accept what can’t. This based on the experience of a Geography colleague.</p> <p>DM to attend ISMLA Conference representing NALA end- January.</p> <p>Chair</p>	

		<p>No further information</p> <p>Secretary No further information</p> <p>Treasurer No further information</p> <p>Communications No further information</p> <p>No information from external groups/ agencies</p>	
5	1 Conference 2023	<p>AT led this item. Lesley Hagger-Vaughan ken to be involved and will contact colleagues on best date (7th or 14th October). MR and DM to do site visit to choose venue. Reasons for Nottingham: fairly central; fairly accessible as was Stratford; university venue adds kudos; accessible for students (reduced day rate?); links with Lesley’s university and schools; links with Jo Darley’s schools. Conference will be one day only, 10.00 to 4.00.</p> <p>Discussion about possible attendance fee. ALL charging £110 for their day conference this year. Our charge needs to cover hire of room(s), catering, parking, and expenses and honorariums (honoraria?).</p> <p>Discussion still needs to happen regarding overarching theme and title. YK: Robert Woore was meant to address YK’s pre- Christmas Conference (which had to be cancelled)- His address “Who decides what works”. – something on similar theme for NALA perhaps Discussion on possible speakers: YK: Prof Norbert Pachler (UCL) JC: Jennifer Beattie (Unity Schools Partnership) worth approaching- she works with a MAT with academies in locations of coastal deprivation and/ or regional lack of aspiration and she might want to bring some of her HODs. JC: Dr Rowena Kasprowicz- Reading University Perhaps someone from RIPL (research in Primary Languages) – JC to contact Bernardette Holmes for suggestions AT: we would need to include a keynote speaker perhaps and round table discussion.</p> <p>Spring Series: To take place on Saturdays 4th, 11th and 25th March, 10.30- 11.30 (tbc) Olly Hopwood confirmed speaker, possibly with James Milton to talk about Curriculum Design- Implications and Dangers in Delivery Further suggestions from Exec:</p>	<p>MR DM to visit Nottingham University</p> <p>Conference Team (AT DM MR) to meet again before next Executive meeting.</p> <p>AT DM and MR to look further at these suggestions</p> <p>JC to ask Bernardette Holmes re possible speaker from RIPL</p>

	<p>2 Changing Platform Teams v Zoom</p> <p>3 New GCSE survey (social inclusion)</p>	<p>Possibility of break out rooms(depending on available technology)- so, input→ breakout →feedback and further exploration Further input on social justice? (See also Item 5 (3) and AH's new survey)</p> <p>To be discussed at future time</p> <p>AH led this item. New GCSE first papers are Summer 2026 so current Year 8 will be first cohort (September 2024). Many of the concerns raised by previous survey not addressed. Some suggestion that as some questions are now compulsory the situation has deteriorated rather than improved. Participants in this new survey will need to know something about the new specifications. Discussion that many teachers are have more immediate concerns eg meeting targets. Staff vacancies. This applies to middle and secondary schools. JC- Teachers need to be informed first about the new content YK- Perhaps a socio-linguist is needed to open discussions before survey is completed to present an unbiased backdrop, but AH would still lead the introduction to the survey itself.</p> <p>AH presented initial thoughts/ questions of new survey DM- "tremendous"; follows on well from v1.0. General consensus that the new survey is even more relevant than the previous survey; perhaps this should be launched as part of the Spring Series.</p>	<p>JC to look at Teams and possibilities</p> <p>AH to continue with work on survey</p>
6	Date/s of future meetings	<p>Next scheduled Exec meeting Saturday 13th May MOVED to Saturday 20th May 2023 Saturday 14th January 2023 10.00- 12.00 Zoom</p> <p>Plus other meetings between Exec members</p>	
7	AOB	<p>MOS "very complimentary things said about NALA Grammar resource on twitter (#MrsHewsonMFL)</p>	
		Meeting closed 12.00.	

Appendix 1

Executive Reports

Chair's Report

Since our last meeting I have studied the SAMS submitted by exam boards and redrafted a potential survey.

I have contacted BS to consider next steps.

Alice Harrison

January 2023

Secretary's Report- January 2023

Since our last full Executive meeting in September 2022, I have:

- liaised with AH: Agenda for Executive meeting
- distributed meeting papers
- produced draft minutes of Executive meeting 24th September 2022
- produced draft minutes of an Executive meeting 25th October 2022
- liaised with MOS- final minutes of Executive meeting 14th May 2022 to website;
- "met" with Conference Team

Mike Rauh

Secretary

3.1.23

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's report

8th January 2023

How things stand at the bank

Current account

Balance as of 8th January

£8811.92

(previously

£7875.13)

**Conference
account**

Current balance £3449.99

Deposit account

Current balance £7813.14
(previously
£7799.57 –
typo on
previous
report)

- 27 members paid plus donations received from members. Total income for membership year 2022/2023 - £1890
- No fraudulent transactions.
- Membership year 2021-2022 accounts have been sent to the accountant – no response – reminder sent.
- Spend overview for 2022-2023 completed.

Bev Whiteside
NALA Treasurer

8th January 2023

Communications Officer Report - January 2023

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

04/01/23