

## NALA Executive Meeting

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 10.30-12.00**

Zoom

### FINAL Minutes

	Welcome and apologies	<p><b>AT welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Present:</b> Alice Harrison (AH), Bev Whiteside (BW), Mike Rauh (MR), Jenny Carpenter (JC), Marie O’Sullivan (MOS), Alison Taylor (AT), David Moss (DM)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> had been received from Martin Ash, Rona Heald, Yvonne Kennedy (YK), Lorna Harvey (LH)</p>	
1	Postponement of Spring Series	AT explained reasons for deferring Spring Series and possibly move this to Spring 2024 instead. All in agreement.	
2	Conference update	<p>AT suggested that Conference would be on 14<sup>th</sup> October (at Nottingham University) DM and MR would do a site visit and hopefully meet Lesley Hagger-Vaughan, but could go anyway without meeting her there.</p> <p>Suggestions for speakers: Jennifer Beattie (MATs organiser) Sarah Dugdale (Research into Primary Languages) Tracey Williams (Arthur Terry Learning Partnership, Sutton Coldfield) Rob Drummond (socio-linguists) Olly Hopwood (with perhaps James Milton) Robert Woore (Research evidence in the Classroom) Caroline Conlon (UCL) Gianfranco Conti Clare Seccombe</p> <p>Some discussion followed with a possible way forward for Conference: Working Title “Who decides what works?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic level...</li> <li>- School level- what professional choices do I make?</li> </ul>	<b>MR</b> to contact Lesley Hagger-Vaughan in chase-up e-mail

		<p>- ... ..?</p> <p>BW: Schools are so confused because at present everyone is competing with one another and saying their approach is the only approach... practitioners need to be encouraged to try different things out and not be restricted because of targets</p>	
3	ISMLA Conference Schedule	<p>DM lead on this and put this in the context of attending the ISMLA conference- a very clever programme with good use of time.</p> <p>We could learn a lot from this: pack a lot into one day.</p> <p>JC: when NALA was bigger we used to do this but worth revisiting</p> <p>AH: As point of information ALL was attended by ca 100 delegates on the 1<sup>st</sup> day, but some of these were themselves presenters, and British Council had paid for some Arabic teachers to attend.</p> <p>Agreed: that we will adopt and adapt this framework for our Autumn Conference.</p>	
4	ISMLA website	<p>Very positive in that they say whom they are working with, including NALA which raises our profile and that of other collaborators.</p> <p>JC: this ties in with the mission statement JC and YK are working on.</p> <p>Committee and Contacts list nicely set out What's coming up – keeps people in the loop</p> <p>General consensus that our website needs a refresh, about 10 years old already, possibly new hosting required</p> <p>JC we need to look at this in the next 12 months</p> <p>BW we have funds to invest in this.</p> <p>JC we need a notional timescale, possibly re-launch New Year 2024 with a progress report at Autumn Conference.</p>	<p><b>JC</b> to use her contacts- ballpark figure</p> <p><b>MOS</b> to look at our current website and identify what we don't need and what do we want that we haven't yet got.</p> <p><b>Exec</b> to feed back into this</p>
5	Platform for on-line meetings	<p>No progress yet made on looking at alternatives. Generally acknowledged that to have a platform which allowed several people to participate and for more than one hour, some kind of monthly subscription was inevitable. This particularly important for the Spring Series in 2024.</p>	<p><b>JC to research into this</b></p>
	AOB	<p>Updates:</p> <p>YK and JC have been meeting regarding the mission statement and are due to meet again in April.</p> <p>AH: to revisit her new survey and will launch this after the Summer Half Term, once the Exam Season is over.</p> <p>JC: Languages Gateway: JC is NALA representative on Editorial Board</p> <p>DM: Bianca Zemke, with whom he had worked at some stage, was the new lead Ofsted Inspector for MFL</p>	

	Date/s of future meetings	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (tbc)</b>	
		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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- produced draft minutes of an Executive meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- liaised with MOS- final minutes of Executive meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to website;
- "met" with Conference Team

Mike Rauh

Secretary

3.1.23

## Treasurer's Report



### Treasurer's report 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### How things stand at the bank

##### Current account

<b>Balance as of 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>£8811.92</b>
	<b>(previously £7875.13)</b>

##### Conference account

<b>Current balance</b>	<b>£3449.99</b>
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##### Deposit account

<b>Current balance</b>	<b>£7813.14</b>
	<b>(previously £7799.57 – typo on previous report)</b>

- 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

8<sup>th</sup> 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**