

Appendix 1

AGM Executive Annual Reports 2024

President's Report NALA AGM 2024

As we reach the 2024 AGM I am minded to bring members' attention to a number of significant developments in the Association during 2023-24:

- We now have an updated website which I hope members find much more informative and easy to use. Marie O'Sullivan deserves a big thank you for helping the Exec navigate from concept to the finished product.
- NALA has contributed to the national debates about language teaching and learning. Members of the Exec have continued working in collaboration with other subject associations such as the British Academy, ALL, CLIE and ISMLA. In particular, David Moss has done sterling work in showcasing NALA.
- The group working on disadvantage, convened by Alice Harrison, has brought together new and old NALA members to discuss and formulate approaches to language learning that help include the widest possible range of learners.
- NALA has maintained involvement in curriculum developments such as NCLE and Oak National Academy, with particular reference to the on-going interest in the NALA grammar resource.
- A very special mention goes to Alison Taylor, David Moss and Mike Rauh the extensive planning and preparation they have made have for the 2024 national conference.
- Under Bev Whiteside's chairmanship, the Exec has developed into a dynamic forum for debate and collaboration.

And finally, I have been a proud member of NALA for 22 years. I cannot recall the exact number of years in each post but I have been a regional convenor, treasurer, chairman and president of NALA during that time. As I step down, I am absolutely delighted that Yvonne Kennedy has been invited – and accepted - to become the next president. Here's to #NALA26!

Jenny Carpenter
June 2024

Chair

This year I have:

Chaired NALA Executive Meetings
Attended disadvantage working group meetings
Contributed to the Oak National Academy Expert group
Liaised with JC re NALA Activity Plan
Liaised and supported new Treasurer

Bev Whiteside
June 2024

Secretary

Since the 2023 AGM I have:

- organised and convened three executive meetings and one AGM;
- distributed meeting papers for said meetings;
- taken, written up and re-drafted minutes, and forwarded these to the Communications Officer for uploading to the NALA website and to the rest of the executive committee;
- liaised with the President and the Chair over various issues concerning NALA,
- liaised with Communications Officer- final AGM (2022) minutes to website;
- assisted the Conference Organiser and Team, regarding Conference 2024 including one pre-visit
- liaised with prospective members regarding membership

Mike Rauh,
Secretary

June 2024

Treasurer

Treasurer's report

12th June, 2024

How things stand at the bank		
Current account	Balance as of 12th June	£9122.98
		(Previously £8283.08)
Conference account	Current balance	£4017.53
Deposit account	Current balance	£7956.08
		(Previously £7836.78)

- 34 members paid plus donations received from members. Total income for membership year 2023/2024 - £2,235.
- No fraudulent transactions.
- Membership year 2022-2023 accounts have been certified and returned.

Alison Taylor

NALA Treasurer

12th June, 2024

Communications Officer Report

Once again, thank you to all of the Executive Committee and members for continuing to provide information for sharing on the website. Please continue to share any updates for inclusion where appropriate.

Since the last report to the AGM, the major work for the Communications Officer has been the creation and launch of the new website. In early Autumn we had begun to investigate a much-needed update to a rather elderly online presence, but things were accelerated when our webhost informed us in September that he was closing his business and we would need to transfer our site elsewhere by the end of December. We had been aiming for a new site to be launched some time in Q1 of 2024, but were forced into speedier action by this information.

The website developer we commissioned was extremely supportive in meeting our deadlines, and I hope members and users are happy with the outcome. Special thanks to Gini Rhee for turning around a refresh on our logo design to meet the tight deadline.

As a result of the accelerated timescale, we continue to work on aspects of the new website and are always welcoming of feedback from users, in order to make the experience even better. If there is something missing which you have been searching for, please let us know.

In tandem with the website changes, it was also necessary to instigate a new method of emailing members, and we are currently using MailChimp as our mailing platform.

Marie O'Sullivan

Communications Officer

01/06/24

Report from Alice Harrison- Convenor of the group looking at the disadvantage gap and the languages curriculum.

This year I have convened meetings via zoom. Attendees included Mark Oliver, Jenni Bindon, Yvonne Kennedy, Maria Antonia Garcia and Bev Whiteside.

Areas of discussion include:

- identification of different categories of disadvantage,
- defining social disadvantage,
- identification of a focus on economic disadvantage,
- identification of barriers in GCSE exam questions and potential strategies for teachers to support those most impacted.
- scrutiny of national GCSE outcomes data regarding disadvantaged learners

June 2024