

Appendix 1

AGM Executive Annual Reports 2026

President's Report

As I head towards the two-year anniversary of becoming NALA President, I am looking back with gratitude for the years I have spent as part of this association; first as a member, then as part of the Executive Committee, and now President. While it has been a pleasure and a privilege to step into the role of President, the biggest thrill for me was - and will remain - being accepted into this association as a member. Fast-approaching its sixty-year anniversary (NALA was founded in 1968 and its first conference held in 1969), the Executive Committee and I have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that it is in the best possible shape for another sixty years' service. With some exciting new appointments to the Executive Committee and an expanding membership, I feel that NALA is in an excellent position to continue the fight for access for all to a high-quality languages education. I also feel that it is time to step aside as President and allow an esteemed colleague to occupy and lead from this space. I am delighted that Bev Whiteside, our current Chair, has accepted the committee's invitation to become NALA President. Whilst this decision will need to be ratified at our AGM in July, the Executive is in no doubt as to the depth of her knowledge, experience, skills and her talent - nor of course to her passion for and dedication to NALA's core mission. For my part, I will say that it has been a pleasure, a privilege and an honour to work alongside her. As Chair, she has been the beating heart of NALA, keeping the associative 'body' together. As President, I know that she will lead NALA with confidence into its next sixty years.

Chair's Report

What a very busy and industrious year we have had, a brilliant conference as always; raising the bar to new heights, a review and creation of policies to serve and protect NALA and its members, valuable discussions about the future of NALA and its role in the ever changing languages landscape and an ever closer working relationship of the NALA Exec and its wider members.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank wholeheartedly, Yvonne Kennedy, our outgoing President who has worked so effectively and diligently ensuring our association moves forward into its next chapter as well prepared as it can be. We cannot underestimate the thought and energy required to ensure that we evolve prepared for whatever the future may hold for NALA.

Thank you Yvonne for your friendship, your challenge and support throughout our time together leading NALA. I appreciate you and your strength and kindness.

I would also like to thank the Exec for the confidence they have shown in me to lead NALA as Chair. I thank you all for your continued support and encouragement, especially during my time of absence and recovery, it means more than you know.

Thank you too for the nomination as President to take over from Yvonne (pending approval at the AGM). This is a role I hold in very high esteem and I am looking forward to working closely with the newly appointed Chair(s) during my tenure as President.

Since our last Exec meeting, I have

- Liaised with Comms Officer MO regarding a range of activity for the website and bulletins
- Continued to liaise with YK and MO regarding GDPR, revised application process and other business resulting in appropriate liability/GDPR insurance policy proposals and take-up. (NB. GDPR policy still to be agreed)
- Liaised with Secretary MR re minutes and agendas etc.
- Chaired an online panel meeting regarding Fellowship nominees and new applicant to NALA
- Continued to liaise with Exec regarding revised application process and subsequent updates to the website

Bev Whiteside

NALA Chair

July 2026

Secretary

Since the 2025 AGM I have:

- organised and convened four 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 (2024) minutes to website;
- assisted the Conference Organiser and Team, regarding Conference 2026
- liaised with prospective members regarding membership
- with the Conference Team I have been examining possible future conference venues

Mike Rauh,

Secretary

May 2026

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's report 22.6.2026

How things stand at the bank

Business Current Account 36920487

Current balance 22 nd June 2026	£7,731.00
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Conference Account 36920509

Current balance 22.06.26	£2,236.07
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Deposit account 36923532

Current balance. 22.06.26	£8,142.14
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- Membership year 2024-2025 accounts have been signed off by the Accountants.
- No fraudulent transactions.

Alison Taylor, NALA Treasurer, 27th June, 2025

Communications Officer Report

The outgoing Communications Officer provided a thorough handover from the role after my election at the AGM in 2025. This introduction to the website and mailing system enabled me to continue updating the website and sending out information to members.

In addition I have:

- Supported the work of the Chair regarding secure page for the Executive on the website, GDPR policy and practice and application procedures for NALA
- Presented ideas for a new image for the Home Page of the website, discussion of these resulted in improvements which were admirably designed into life by Sam Hurst
- Supported the conference team on the day of the conference
- Updated contacts and mailing lists

I cannot believe it was a year ago that I was elected as the Communications Officer for NALA. I have enjoyed contributing to the work of NALA through this role.