

NALA Executive Meeting

Wednesday 11th March 2026, 6.00- 7.00pm

Zoom

Draft Minutes

1	Welcome and apologies	<p>BW welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Bev Whiteside BW, David Moss DM, Alison Taylor AT, Mike Rauh MR, Mark Oliver MO, Lisa Panford LP, Jenni Bindon JB, Alice Harrison AH, Yvonne Kennedy YK</p> <p>Apologies Marie O’Sullivan (MOS)</p>	
2	Overview of conference	<p>A “massive” thank you to Conference Team especially Lisa and Jenni for their input. Discussion points: Feedback very positive, just a couple of minor issues to do with noise coming from restaurant first thing, and lunch disappointing in its (lack of) choice/ standard</p> <p>DM recapped reasons for choosing Nottingham as the venue for the last three years. Intended resultant outcomes didn’t materialise. Time to move somewhere new. Looking at St Mary’s, Twickenham. Is another NALA survey needed- aimed at opinions of Year 9 students as they make decisions for GCSE options- attractiveness/ practicality of MFL? Finance (AT) 31 out of 32 delegates attended Finance - almost breaking even A “buzz” not only amongst the delegates but also between the presenters. “Few fora these days where genuine discussion takes place”. Usually much more passive reception, ie presenters present and that’s it..</p> <p>How can NALA contribute to the creation of the new MFL curriculum? We don’t have the lines of communication we once had. Concerning that there is a narrow pool of writers. Would the 2027 Conference be the launchpad for the new survey or a review of its findings?</p>	Action: BW YK to discuss further the various points raised

		<p>YK importance of disclaimer to protect the Association, its membership, its individual Executive members and the speakers at Conference.</p> <p>LP: importance of freedom to express views</p> <p>JB: having the space to “disagree agreeably”</p> <p>DM: need to be aware of delegates who attend to promote themselves.</p>	
3	Holding page for website	Final “white on blue” background unanimously approved. The designer needs to be acknowledged.	
4	Succession of Executive Officers.	<p>For various reason these are currently not staggered.</p> <p>MR and MO volunteered to extend their respective tenures to 2028</p> <p>BW is retiring from teaching in July and wishes to stand down as Chair.</p> <p>Perhaps co-chairing could be tried out</p> <p>YK wishes to stand down as President a year early at this year’s AGM</p> <p>(Chair is elected by membership; President is chosen/ invited by Executive.)</p> <p>DM: we needed to expand the “portfolio” of the Executive membership- invite members to attend open Exec meetings</p>	MR to look at Constitution to see if this needs amending to reflect change of succession procedure.
5	Updates on Insurance and GDPR	Indemnity Insurance now in place. We need collective training in GDPR compliance to protect individual executive members as well as the Association	
6	Application eligibility and process	Held over to April Executive meeting	
7	Date of next Meetings	Executive: Saturday 25th April 2026 10.00am	
8	AOB	None Final thank you to Conference Team and Exec members for their behind-the-scenes work	
		Meeting closed at.7.00.	

