

NALA Executive Meeting

Saturday 25th April 2026, 10.00- 12.00

Zoom

FINAL Minutes

1	Welcome and apologies	BW welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Present: Yvonne Kennedy (YK), Bev Whiteside (BW), Mark Oliver (MO), Alison Taylor (AT), David Moss (DM), Alice Harrison (AH), Mike Rauh (MR) Apologies None, but Lisa Panford (LP), Jenni Bindon (JB), Marie O'Sullivan (MOS) to join during meeting.	
2	Minutes from 14 th January and 11 th March 2026	Item 6 (Membership Application) to be reworded. Thereafter, both sets of minutes accepted as an accurate representation of proceedings. Proposed: MO Seconded: BW	MR to reword Item 6 minutes MR to send Final Minutes to MO for website
3	Matters arising	These to be dealt with as part of the meeting	
4	Officers' Reports	These are attached (Appendix 1). AT: £100 donated by an honorary member. Proposal to put this in the Conference Account. Unanimously agreed.	
5	Succession of Executive Officers	Much of the meeting was taken up with this long, detailed and valuable discussion Overriding feeling of delight that LP and JB wish to "step up". Discussion as to practicalities. Importance of keeping post of President separate Importance of continuing and combining legacy and currency. The advisory aspect is a core part of what NALA does and this needs to be prominent in all matters. BW invited to consider becoming President. In this way the role of Chair can be shared. After some considerably careful thought, BW agreed. Outcomes: President-Elect BW Co-Chairs to be nominated LP, JB <i>LP and JB joined meeting at 10.45.</i> BW, YK summarised what had been discussed and invited LP and JB to be nominated as co-chairs	

		Both accepted. <i>This is subject to voting at the AGM.</i>	
6	Updates on Insurance and GDPR	2 policies in place We need bespoke training on GDPR compliance. MO researching this for possible providers	MO to continue researching possible avenues for bespoke GDPR compliance training.
7	Conference 2027	No updates for 2027 event. For 2026 event: Feedback had already been sent out. Request that Conference presentations be put on website in Members' Area with disclaimers. There followed a detailed discussion about the importance of disclaimers. In future DM to possibly pre-brief speakers about "sensitivity" of viewpoints. Importance of allowing free speech and opinions, but these must not be regarded when taken out of context to be NALA's viewpoint. <i>MOS joined meeting at 11.05</i>	DM to send presentations to MO . MO to put presentations on website
8	Membership Application	The document "Information for applicants to NALA" was discussed. Bullet points had been added to reflect evolving landscape Need for Secretary to anonymise applications when they come to consideration by the Membership Panel. Move to Google Forms More feedback required by BW	Future applications to be anonymised by MR before panel submission.
9	AGM related issues	Sat 4 th July, 10.30 start. 4 weeks' notice needs to be given, in accordance with Constitution, together with invitation to apply for Executive vacancies as appropriate in accordance with Standing Orders.	MR to remind MO of 4 weeks' notice. MR to work on AGM Agenda MO to send out Notice of AGM by Sat 6 th June together with invitations to apply for Chair vacancy
10	DfE KS4 Performance Measures Consultation	This was discussed in detail. Fears that grouping MFL with other subjects rather than as a separate entity (cf EBacc) could lead to a further devaluing of MFL, loss of curriculum time. More prescriptiveness in delivery, possible reduction in accessibility for some students. Action: Individual members to be encouraged to respond to consultation; collective response to be worked on by BW, LP and JB Possible future major survey based on Year 9 attitudes to MFL at KS4 BW to redraft previous letter to DfE asking how the new measure might intensify the current inequity of access to Modern Languages.	MO to send link for ALL presentation JB LP and BW to work on collective response. BW re-draft previous letter.
11	Dates of next meetings	AGM: Saturday 4 th July 2026 Executive: Saturday 19 th September tbc	MR to send out proposed dates for 2026-27

12	AOB	JB working with Richard Tallaron on Erasmus+	
		Meeting closed 12.05pm	

Appendix 1

Executive Reports: April 2026

President

Attendance at conference and behind-the-scenes work supporting Chair with updating policy and procedure.

Chair

Thank you to the Committee, the Conference Team and the wider membership who have continued to work hard behind the scenes ensuring that NALA functioned effectively during my period of absence and recovery.

Since our last Exec meeting, I have

- Liaised with Comms Officer MO regarding a range of activity for the website.
- 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 to be agreed)
- Liaised with Secretary MR re minutes and agendas etc.
- Have been invited to remain on the Oak National Expert Group by AH.
- Liaised with conference team.

Bev Whiteside

Secretary

Since the last Exec Meetings in January and March, I have:

- 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,
- assisted and "met" with the Conference Organiser and Team, regarding Conference 2026
- communicated with 3rd parties re Conference 2026

Mike Rauh,

Secretary

April 2026

Treasurer



Treasurer's report
18.4.2026

How things stand at the bank

Current account

Current balance	£8,293. 00
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**Conference
account**

Current balance	£2,337.41
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Deposit account

Current balance	£8,130.97
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- Membership year 2024-2025 accounts are with the Accountants.
 - The 2026 NALA Conference : Income £2,320. 00 ; Expenditure: £2,356.91. Loss of £36.91.

Alison Taylor, NALA Treasurer, 18th April, 2026

Communications Officer

- Supported Chair in investigating GDPR training options
- Supported Conference team at the conference on February 28th
- One post about each presentation at the Conference posted on NALA social media accounts
- Updated list of members on website and in Members area
- Web hosting and domain charges transferred to new Communications Officer
- MailChimp has changed the Ts&Cs for free accounts, as we have over 250 contacts NALA now pays to use this service.