

<b>Present:</b> Kevin Brown, Rosemary Hunter, Marie Selwood, Mark O' Brien, Francis King, Maebh Harding, Dave Cowan, Marian Duggan, Michael Thomson, Jed Meers, Jess Guth, Sarah Blandy, Jonathan Garton, Naomi Creutzfeldt, Chris Ashford.	
<b>Agenda item</b>	<i>Action</i>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Gita Gill, Anne Barlow, Rosie Harding, Sarah Christie, Geth Rees, Charlotte Bendall, Jen Hendry, Antonia Layard, Ben Livings	
<b>2. Minutes of 29.05.14</b>	
The Minutes were approved.	
<b>3.1 Chair</b>	
See Chair's report Nobody from the Executive was able to attend the Metrics workshop. It was agreed to contact a member at Sussex in order to see if they would be willing to attend as the SLSA representative. It was AGREED to invite Diamond Ashiagbor to join the Executive as a co-opted member. It was AGREED to fund the IALS annual charge of £80 and one off £700 cataloguing charge to store SLSA archive material. Rosemary Hunter would also contact past officers of the Association to enquire if they had historic papers in their possession. It was also AGREED to ask IALS for advice on the storage/archiving of electronic material. The Chair also updated the Executive on the Academy of Social Sciences Open Access Working Group. A number of further suggestions were made for nominations for Academicians of the Academy of Social Science. The deadline for the next round is 28 November 2014. The World Consortium for Law and Society was discussed. It was AGREED that Ben Livings would be our named contact on this and we would make a contribution of £250.	Rosemary Hunter            Rosemary Hunter             Rosemary Hunter             Rosemary Hunter
<b>3.2. Vice Chair</b>	
See report. It was AGREED that Law Commission representatives addressing 'Mental Capacity' and 'Sentencing Procedure' would be best accommodated	Rosemary Hunter

<p>within the relevant subject streams at the 2015 Annual Conference. Rosemary Hunter to contact the stream convenors about this, and then issue invitations to the Law Commission, including day rate delegate funding.</p>	
<p><b>3.3 Treasurer</b></p>	
<p>See Report</p> <p>The Executive thanked RGU for their generous donation of £39,547 following the 2014 Annual Conference.</p> <p>A very successful 2014 conference, coupled with healthy finances, means that we need to explore potential taxation obligations, ensure we are fully compliant with money laundering rules etc. it was AGREED that we would pay for a one off external consultation and audit. The Exec will consider further advice and support as needed.</p> <p>Recognised that we needed greater clarity on the paid status of members. This work on the membership database is ongoing.</p> <p>It was AGREED to provide some financial support to the treasurer in order to fund someone to assist with some of the administration associated with the role.</p> <p>The Executive considered a number of proposals to increase the expenditure on schemes supporting the membership.</p> <p>It was AGREED to support training in research methods and the use of data analysis software (e.g SPSS and NVivo) through bursaries. This would be focused upon early and mid-career researchers (not PhD students). A total pot of £10,000 is to be set aside for this, with the degree of take-up and amount available to be monitored. Individuals would apply stating the course/cost, rationale for taking the course, and any associated travel and accommodation costs. It is expected that individual awards would not exceed £750.</p> <p>It was AGREED to double the available fund for the seminar grants scheme this year (to £10,000).</p> <p>It was AGREED to increase the available fund for the small grants scheme to £25,000 (for this year onwards), with the cap on individual awards increased to £3,000 from £2,000 (from next year onwards).</p> <p>It was AGREED to introduce a new Mentorship Scheme to support travel and accommodation for mentees to visit mentors. Individuals would apply with justifications for their proposed expenditure. A total fund of £10,000 is to be initially allocated but this will be monitored. The scheme will operate as a rolling scheme.</p> <p>It was AGREED to introduce 'Socio-Legal Sandpits' based on AHRC sandpit events. Members would initially be invited to make suggestions of themes to be included. A call would then be issued on 2 of the themes. The events would include guest speakers and a group of selected, interdisciplinary participants. Participants would pitch their proposal at the sandpit. The winning bid would be awarded £10,000 for seedcorn funding. Other costs would include venue, catering, and participants' travel expenses.</p> <p>It was AGREED to provide administrative support for these new schemes and the existing grants and prizes. This is to be explored further by Mark O'Brien and Rosemary Hunter.</p>	<p>Mark O'Brien</p> <p>Mark O'Brien/ Rosemary Hunter</p> <p>Rosemary Hunter to take new schemes forward and circulate final proposals to the Executive.</p> <p>Mark O'Brien/ Rosemary Hunter</p>

<b>3.4 Membership</b>	
<p>See report. It was AGREED to introduce a new category of unemployed membership at the same rate as PG membership.</p> <p>Proposed terms and conditions to be posted on the website were set out. These were AGREED with one amendment. At the end of the first paragraph, delete 'the Association Hon Secretary and'</p> <p>Sarah Blandy thanked Jed Meers for the enormous amount of work he has done and is continuing to do in reconciling membership and payment records and sorting out the new membership database, and presented him with a token of appreciation on behalf of the SLSA Executive.</p>	
<b>3.5 Recruitment</b>	
See report.	
<b>3.6. Newsletter and Web Editor</b>	
See report. It was AGREED to no longer send hard copies of the newsletter to the annual Law and Society Association Meeting.	
<b>3.7 PG Student Representative</b>	
See report. It was AGREED that it would be helpful for Charlotte to advertise the postgraduate conference and annual conference through the postgraduate mailing list.	Charlotte Bendall
<b>3.8. Webmaster</b>	
<p>As per report.</p> <p>Jed is continuing to work on setting up the blog. Those who volunteered to give feedback at the last Executive meeting remain ready and willing to do so. It was AGREED to set up the blog externally and put in place a re-direct to the slsa web address.</p> <p>The guidance document for stream convenors on editing their web pages is almost ready, and will be tested out by Rosemary Hunter. It was AGREED that only one person per stream would be given editing permission, and they would only be able to edit their own stream page.</p>	<p>Jed Meers/ Rosemary Hunter/ Gethin Rees/ Rosie Harding/ Jess Guth/ Marian Duggan/ Jen Hendry</p>
<b>3.9 International liaison</b>	
Ben Livings reported he had been having a conversation with the ANZSLA chair, the details of which had been previously sent to the SLSA Executive. Rosemary Hunter will follow up with Ben on queries following the last Executive meeting.	Rosemary Hunter

<b>3.10 Social Media</b>	
<p>See report. It was AGREED to continue a LinkedIn presence.</p> <p>It was AGREED to provide a prize for the 1500<sup>th</sup> Twitter follower. Dave Cowan will donate a book of the recipient's choice from the Palgrave-Macmillan Socio-Legal Series.</p> <p>It was AGREED to run a competition on social media for the best image of socio-legal studies. The winning image will be used as the header on the SLSA social media pages.</p> <p>Website Icons for social media to be enlarged.</p>	<p>Jen Hendry/ Dave Cowan</p> <p>Jen Hendry</p> <p>Marie Selwood</p>
<b>4.1.a RGU 2014</b>	
See Chair and Treasurer reports.	
<b>4.1.b. Warwick 2015</b>	
<p>A proposed budget was circulated. This was AGREED but with a reduction in PG extra night rate from £50 to £30 (SLSA members) and from £80 from £60 (non members). Also to check if a supplement rate for the first night's dinner can be offered.</p> <p>AGREED to offer a family rate. It was also AGREED to offer a higher rate for a premium/double bed room.</p> <p>AGREED the plenary will include a film screening.</p> <p>A call for themes would be sent out by Marie Selwood with a similar timeline as last year.</p> <p>Past Stream Convenors to be contacted to check whether they are willing to organise their respective streams again.</p> <p>AGREED posters to be open to everyone rather than just PGR students but poster prize to still be restricted to PGR students. AGREED to provide a postgraduate bursary for every student entering a poster (within reason, e.g. UK rather than international travel!).</p> <p>Include a showcase on posters at the PGR conference.</p>	<p>Jonathan Gartland/Maebh Harding</p> <p>Marie Selwood Jonathan Garton/ Maebh Harding</p>
<b>4.1.c Annual conference 2016 and 2017</b>	
No news.	
<b>4.1.d Annual Conference 2018 and 2019</b>	
Call for expressions of interest to be issued in Summer 2015.	
<b>4.2. Postgraduate Conference</b>	
<p>In light of healthy budget situation, there is some flexibility in the funding available.</p> <p>AGREED to include a session at the postgraduate conference on doing a poster presentation. This could include this year's winner (David Barrett,</p>	<p>Rosie Harding</p> <p>Rosemary Hunter/</p>

Bristol) and Dave Cowan mentioned a staff member at Bristol who had recently given a very impressive session on this topic. Rosemary Hunter to follow this up with Dave and Rosie Harding	Dave Cowan/ Rosie Harding
<b>4.3 One Day Conference</b>	
The Oxford event on 15/16 December was progressing well. AGREED that Jen Hendry should further develop her proposal for an event on Exploring the Spatial in Socio-Legal	Jen Hendry
<b>5.1 Book prizes</b>	
Naomi Creutzfeldt to join book prize committee. All others present on last year's committee agreed to continue for this year, and Antonia Layard and Jen Hendry have also agreed to continue for this year. AGREED that publishers who submit to this prize should be contacted regarding possible sponsorship of the annual conference.	Rosemary Hunter Francis King
<b>5.2. Article prize</b>	
As in previous years, all members of the Executive will contribute to the judging of the article prize, unless overwhelmed by grants committee and/or book prize duties.	
<b>5.3 Contributions to the socio-legal community</b>	
Two nominations were received. It was AGREED that the prize for 2015 should be awarded to Sally Wheeler. Rosemary Hunter to contact her to see if she is willing to accept. The other nomination would be taken forward for the following year.	Rosemary Hunter
<b>5.4 Grants</b>	
Proceeding as normal.	
<b>5.5 Seminar</b>	
Proceeding as normal.	
<b>6. Law Learned Associations LETR Working Group</b>	
Chris Ashford provided an update to the Executive on developments with the SRA, BSB and QAA in relation to reform of legal training. It was AGREED to invite representatives from the BSB, SRA and QAA to the January meeting. The BSB had written to the Association proposing two academic names to join a new academic group to review a 'single' statement on the academic stage of training. It was AGREED to accept the two proposed names but to also express a desire to be consulted on the substance of any proposals, the process of implementation and the timescale of implementation. Chris Ashford and Jess Guth reported that they are members of the	Chris Ashford  Rosemary Hunter

<p>QAA Benchamrk Review Group for Law. This group is revisiting Law subject benchmark. Jess Guth has been appointed as the SLSA representative. Concern was expressed about the appointments process and it was AGREED that Jess would monitor developments and report back.</p>	<p>Jess Guth</p>
<p><b>7. Next Meeting Dates</b></p>	
<p>15<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.</p>	
<p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p>	
<p>Antonia Layard would be standing down in January from the Executive as the JLS representative. Lydia Hayes would be joining. Chris Ashford to contact Lydia with details of the next meeting and Exec group email to be updated in due course.</p> <p>A brief discussion of the role of Stream convenors also took place. It was AGREED that the operation of these roles would be kept under watch.</p>	<p>Chris Ashford/ Marie Selwood</p>