



## **Annual General Meeting**

**Plassey House, University of Limerick**

**26 April 2013, 5pm**

Present: Philip McGowan, Rosemary Gallagher, Tony Emmerson, Catherine Gander, Julie Sheridan, Dara Downey, David Coughlan, Clair Sheehan, Jennifer Daly

### **1. Apologies**

Clare Hayes-Brady, Stephen Matterson, JoAnne Mancini, Ron Callan

### **2. Minutes & Matters Arising**

Minutes of 2012 AGM held at University College Cork circulated to membership in advance. TE notes that "Agenda" should be struck from the minutes. Otherwise accepted as true and accurate account of proceedings.

### **3. Chairperson's Report (PMcG)**

The IAAS has had a successful year, although this is not reflected in the numbers present for the AGM. Extends congratulations to DC for excellent conference. Preparations in place for joint IAAS/BAAS PG event in Nottingham in December. PG students in IAAS expected to reciprocate presence at last TCD joint event. Jon Ward (newly elected BAAS PG Rep) and Caleb Bailey finalising "Homeland" theme. Fees will be kept to a minimum. IAAS committee is open to assisting financially in some small ways.

Busy year for IAAS. Last year was behind the scenes, this year has more obvious presence with new bursaries and relaunch of website. Thanks to CHB as the site is "looking very well." Notes importance of putting content up regularly. CG volunteers to blog. General suggestion that we could identify quick and jaunty bloggers to generate traffic.

Contact with consulate in Belfast maintained. PMcG and other committee members invited to various consular events including Martin Luther King event. We are still awaiting new ambassador following resignation of Dan Rooney.

BAAS has increased membership by approximately 100 over the past year. BAAS 59 to be held on 10-13 April at University of Birmingham.

EAAS to be held on 3-6 April in The Hague. Martin Halliwell (outgoing BAAS Chair) noted low application from these islands. EAAS 2016 in Romania

IAAS/BAAS in 2016 (7-8 April). Funding secured from Belfast City Council for opening reception. Logistics of a cross-border event have proved impractical.

Elections to follow for Vice-Chair, Secretary and PG Rep. SMs role as EAAS rep to continue until 2015. Thanks to SM noted.

Martin Halliwell (BAAS) noted with dismay at recent BAAS conference that RC may not be replaced at UCD. This has ramifications far beyond UCD's bottom line. PMcG has written to Anne Fogarty to note concerns.

#### **4. Treasurer/Membership Secretary's Report (TE)**

Copies of financial report circulated to those in attendance. 2012 finances suggest that we are in balance. Still in healthy position allowing for bursaries. TE visited branch on 15 April for updates. TE remembers time when balance was extremely low. \$2,000 cheque has arrived from JSTOR but does not appear in report. TE notes that he has previously expressed concern over lack of spending

TE Proposes:

1. Euro bank account signatories should become Present Secretary, Present Chair, and Present Treasurer (this has already been done for Sterling account)

2. Generally does not approve of electronic banking, however he was unable to transfer money to Romania for EAAS dues (not on bank's 'list') - bank charged €25.35 for this transfer - will not cost that if account is electronic, thus TE proposes we set up online banking.

Both motions seconded by PMcG and RG.

Bank charges are £6.68 and €6.68 a coincidence TE finds "wonderful"

Membership of IAAS reached 97 at end of last year. We have previously offered estimates to EAAS about membership before' this year we didn't. As of last night association had 74 members. TE suspected that with today's recruitment and open membership to MAs, membership will reach 150 by end of year. TE notes pressure from EAAS to merge with BAAS (compared to Greeks and Turks) may now be alleviated. Membership is healthier than it has ever been. PMcG notes membership from MAs is working. TE notes that 40 of the end of year figure were PG students.

#### **5. EAAS Representative's report (SM)**

SM not in attendance as he is at EAAS board meeting! Updates given by PMcG in his absence. Mainly encourages applications from IAAS members for workshops.

#### **6. Postgraduate & Early Career Caucus Report (LW & KK)**

No report sent.

January PG symposium cancelled due to weather. Committee encourages attendance at rescheduled event on May 18<sup>th</sup>. PMcG again notes importance of attending joint event in Nottingham.

#### **7. Joint BAAS/IAAS Postgraduate Event, November 2013**

Notes change of date to December 6-7.

#### **8. IJAS Online report (SM)**

Report delivered by PMcG. Next edition to go live circa 10 May (when SM Returns from Moscow). Special issue arising from last joint IAAS/BAAS event anticipated before Nottingham event. Suggests encouraging good panelists from this conference and elsewhere to submit for consideration for publication.

## **9. IAAS Website**

Website looks good. DC notes that an update from UL Conference Committee was submitted but not posted. Committee agrees need for wider access for committee members to website. Suggestion for some web training on 18 May.

## **10. 2013 Conference Report (DC)**

Conference is going well so far with very well attended sessions. MA English students in UL attended plenary. Approximately 25 panelists, and a number of membership renewals. Conference will *not* be making profit. Second plenary invited due to Peggy O'Brien's current research not fitting with theme. Will therefore come in around €250 short. Discussion of prizes to be presented.

DC also notes low proposal submission from IAAS members possibly due to BAAS conference proximity: discuss possible change of date for next year. PMcG notes May is out (exams) but there is a break in June. DC suggests early September (issue with teaching noted). CG notes early June conferences are well attended. TE notes that exam boards meet on Fridays. RG notes that Easter 2014 on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. IAAS 2014 – Location?**

RG proposes Galway: excellent conference facilities, enthusiastic helpers etc. TE notes that we have not been to Galway in 25 years. PMcG suggests that it is too much to ask of a PG Student. Requests that written confirmation from staff member (Sean Ryder) be provided before next committee meeting. JS confirms that there is no issue with Dublin. PMcG proposes we hope for confirmation from NUIG, and use TCD as back up plan: backup plan is TCD. DC offers to help with NUIG conference should it go ahead

## **12. 2016 BAAS/IAAS, Queen's University Belfast 7-9 April 2016 (PMG)**

PMcG to attend site visits soon. Belfast Visitors Convention Bureau excited to help with funding etc.

## **13. WTM Riches Essay Prize (PMcG on behalf of SM)**

Last year July deadline extended to December - flood of entries ensued. SM notes revival of essay prize and improved standard. Suggests awarding to Eve Cobain, formerly of QUB, now of TCD. Honourable mention to Paul Caddell. PMcG proposes next deadline be 1st December. Seconded by half of room. Send out CFP May/June and encourage markers to direct students to prize.

PMcG proposes formation of awards sub-committee to handle these things: TE Seconds.

Call for Members of Awards Sub-Committee:

PMcG proposes TE as Historian; RG seconds - TE deemed elected

PMcG proposes CG as Lit/Culture person; RG seconds - CG deemed elected

PMcG proposes SM as Editor; TE seconds - SM deemed elected

PMcG proposes V-Chair of IAAS as Chair of Prizes Committee; TE seconds - V-Chair deemed elected

## **14. Elections to Executive Committee**

Omission of Secretary's election from Agenda is noted.

Open Positions: Vice Chair, Secretary, Postgraduate & Early Career Caucus

PMcG proposes JS to continue as V-Chair; DD seconds - JS deemed elected

TE proposes CHB as Secretary; PMcG seconds - CHB deemed elected

PMcG proposes RG as PG Rep; JS Seconds - RG deemed elected

Brief discussion regarding election of two PG Reps - RG notes unfamiliarity with PG students in one Dublin-based university

DD proposes Jenny Daly as PG Rep; PMcG seconds - JD deemed elected also.

Thanks noted to Kate Kirwan and Louise Walsh.

### **15. Any Other Business**

None

AGM drawn to a close