

4th Annual General Meeting

University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Oudemanhuispoort building, room C 2.17 at 15.30 - 16.30 hr, on Thursday 4 June 2009

to transact the following business.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

To be agreed.

2. Matters arising

Min. 7.1 To report back on Lifetime membership proposal

3. Reports and accounts 2008-9

The Chair (Lynne Cameron)

The Treasurer (Jeannette Littlemore)

The Treasurer's report will be accompanied by the following two items of business

- i) To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2009 and the reports of the charity trustees and auditors.
- ii) To authorise the Executive Committee to arrange to have the accounts for 2009-10 checked and to agree a fee as appropriate.

The Web Editor (Tony Berber Sardinha)

The Conference Secretary (Fiona MacArthur)

The Postgraduate Liaison & Development Officer (Lettie Dorst)

Newsletter report (Elena Semino)

4. Appointment of the Executive Committee

4.1 To note that there are currently no EC posts becoming vacant.

4.2 To consider and vote upon the following four resolutions to take effect from AGM5 in June 2010.

- 1) To reduce the length of The Treasurer, Web Editor and Conference Secretary posts from four years to three. This will serve to reduce the workload of the individuals concerned and preserve the continuity of the EC by staggering appointment dates.
- 2) To recognise the work involved in creating the newsletter by converting one of the Ordinary Member posts into a Newsletter Editor post.
- 3) To increase the maximum number of Co-opted Member posts from two to four.
- 4) To approve a change to the procedures in appointing EC members, to make three posts UK-based: the Secretary, Treasurer and one Ordinary Member. (Note that UK-based does not necessarily mean being a UK national). With motion 3 (above), this will allow the EC to remain within UK law for charity governing boards.

It is accordingly proposed to modify Items 16 (2) and 17 (3) of the Constitution to read as follows. Substantive changes are in bold.

16 Officers and Executive Committee.

(2) The Association shall have the following Officers:

A Chair,

A Secretary,

A Treasurer,

A Web Editor,

A Conference Secretary

A Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer (who must be a student at the time of election).

A Newsletter Editor

2 Ordinary members

up to 4 co-opted members.

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- (3)
- (a) The Chair will be appointed for a period of four years. S/he will be eligible for re-election to the Executive Committee after a period of eight years.
 - (b) The Secretary will be appointed for a period of four years and will be eligible for re-election for one further term of four years.
 - (c) The Treasurer, Web Editor and Conference Secretary will be appointed for a period of **three years** and will be eligible for re-election for one further term of **three years**.
 - (d) The Post-Graduate Liaison and Development Officer will be appointed for a period of two years and will be eligible for re-election for one further term of two years.
 - (e) **The Newsletter Editor will be appointed for a period of two years and will be eligible for re-election for one further term of two years.**
 - (f) The **two Ordinary members** of the Executive Committee will be appointed for a period of two years and will be eligible for re-election for one further term of two years.
 - (g) The **four co-opted members** will be appointed for a period of two years and will be eligible for one further period of co-option of two years.

4. RaAM research resources

To encourage members to submit reports of metaphor-based research projects (descriptive and interim, as well as final reports) to the Chair (l.j.cameron@open.ac.uk).

5. Conference and workshop updates

5.1 RaAM8 at the VU University, Amsterdam, 2010 (Alan Cienki / Gerard Steen)

5.2 Specialist seminar/workshop 2011, currently Brazil (Fiona McArthur)

6. Any other business

To deal with any matters raised at the meeting.

By order of the Executive Committee of RaAM

Graham Low

Secretary

28 May 2009