

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Held at 10:30 am on 12 June 2015 at Leiden University, Netherlands

All EC members were present, except for Tina Krennmayr.  
32 additional RaAM members were present.

To transact the following business:

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Welcome**

Andreas Musolff opened the meeting

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Tina Krennmayr was on maternity leave

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting (AGM9):**

**Agreed**

### **4. Matters arising:**

**see below: Annual report**

### **5. Annual Report, Officer Reports and accounts 2014-15**

#### **a. The Chair (Andreas Musolff)**

AM reported a smooth handover from Alan Ciencki and Graham Low. The 2014 Cagliari conference was successful, we held a handover EC meeting in January, and the Leiden seminar is a fascinating seminar. RaAM also sponsors events, including the Amsterdam Metaphor Lab Summer School, held after the Leiden seminar. He invited all RaAM members holding a metaphor-related event to ask RaAM for endorsement. RaAM public benefit activity includes student bursaries, non-student bursaries, prizes, and PhD events at RaAM seminars and conferences.

#### **b. The Treasurer (Alice Deignan)**

AD explained that RaAM follows the UK tax year, with an income of £3042.11. Our expenditure last year was more than our income, partially due to EC running costs. Amsterdam cost more than Cagliari –otherwise work is pro bono. RaAM paid for 5 bursaries and 2 prizes in the past year and there are bank charges due to foreign transfers.

Membership income is divided across 3 years and expected to rise since the close of April 4<sup>th</sup> due to seminar. Accounts this time next year should therefore be healthier.

RaAM will continue with bursaries. When we have more than £10,000 we will also consider seedcorn funding again. AD pointed out that it is possible to donate money. RaAM membership fees have been increased, and all seminar and conference delegates are now required to be members. RaAM members receive a discount to 'Metaphor and the Social World' (40 euros instead of 70 euros) and 30% off Benjamins' MILC book series.

c. The Web Editor (Gudrun Reijnierse)

GR has renewed the website and it is still being improved. She has added information about the different prizes and will upload the AGM report, minutes and slides. Some people registered as members, but if they receive no confirmation email, should check their spam filter and then contact the RaAM Treasurer.

She explained that delegates become members the day their payment is processed through SWREG.

Any donated money will be spent on bursaries and seedcorn funding. People who donate can now add comments, so they have the possibility of saying where they want their money to go.

d. The Conference Secretary (Lettie Dorst)

The Berlin/ Frankfurt Oder conference is on track. The workshop will be in Frankfurt (Oder), but delegates should book a hotel in Berlin for the entire event. **The conference dates have been moved to 1-4 July 2016, over the weekend.** The scientific committee is in the process of being composed and the call for papers will be announced during the summer, acceptance 2016.

Futruere seminars and conferences:

The EC had received 4 seminar bids and recommended that the next seminar will take place in 2017 at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense: Agreed

The EC had received 2 conference bids and recommended that the next conference will take place in 2018 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The 2020 conference will take place in at Hedmark University College in Hamar, Norway: Agreed

e. The Postgraduate Liaison & Development Officer (David O'Reilly)

DOR explained that the Facebook site is the main social media hub for RaAM, with updates about RaAM activity, calls for papers, conference information, PhD bursaries. There is also a student section on the RaAM website with a PhD directory, useful links and pictures of

events. DOR will work on building up a directory, and aims to include a regular interview feature in newsletter.

f. Newsletter Editor (Gudrun Reijnierse for Tina Krennmayr)

GR sent out the latest newsletter a few weeks ago. The next one will be published in the beginning of October. Some newsletters are online and previous ones will be added. She asked for contributions—for example a conference report, reports about other conferences, or people writing about their work. The deadline for contributions will be in mid-September. The newsletters are available to a wider community.

**6. Vote on updating references from the Charities Act 1993 to the Charities Act 2011 (carried over from AGM 9, due to invalid vote):**

*Section 18, Powers of the Executive Committee*

1(c) [on leasing or disposing of property]. Current text “... must comply as appropriate with sections 36 and 37 of the Charities Act 1993”; change “... must comply as appropriate with sections 117-123 of the Charities Act 2011”

1(d) [on borrowing money]. Current text “... must comply as appropriate with sections 38 and 39 of the Charities Act 1993 if they intend to mortgage land”; change “... must comply as appropriate with sections 124-126 of the Charities Act 2011 if they intend to mortgage land”

*Section 19, Disqualification and Removal of Executive Committee*

(1) [on ceasing to hold office (if)] Current text “is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision)”; change “is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision)”

*Section 24, Annual Report and Return and Accounts*

(1) Current text “The Executive Committee must comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 1993 with regard to”; change ““The Executive Committee must comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 2011 with regard to”

Voted unanimously in favour.

**7. Membership fees**

At the EC in January 2015, it was decided to increase membership fees as follows:

Senior: 1 year, £40; 3 years, £100

Students and retired: 1 year, £25; 3 years, £60

This will take effect after the seminar in Leiden.

## **8. Conference and workshop updates**

- a. RaAM11 in Berlin/Frankfurt (Oder)
- b. Update on 2017 seminar and 2018 conference bids

See point 5d.

## **9. Any other business**

Gill Philip talked about the Early Career Prize for a paper published within 5 years of doing their PhD and the paper prize for best conference paper. She and Albert Katz will organize the prizes, with a third member. The call will be issued after the summer.

Several EC offices are up for election/re-election next year: Treasurer, Web editor, conference secretary, 1 ordinary member, and the newsletter editor. The Treasurer must be based in the UK, but need not be of British nationality. Descriptions will be up on the website by next year, and RaAM invites members to consider running.

By order of the Executive Committee of RaAM

Susan Nacey

Secretary

29 June 2015