

12th Annual General Meeting

Held at 2pm on 18 May 2017 at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense

The following business was transacted:

1. Welcome

There were 13 RaAM members present plus 8 board members.

2. Apologies for absence

Ordinary member Albert Katz was not present.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (AGM11)

Agreed.

4. Matters arising: all issues taken under relevant headings below

5. Annual Report, Officer Reports and accounts 2016-17

a. The Chair (Andreas Musolff)

The chair reported a steady increase in membership numbers and in the number of Facebook followers. RaAM's finances are healthy, but will require monitoring in view of Pound Sterling's development during "Brexit". RaAM looks forward to further internationalization, with the next conference scheduled to take place in Hong Kong. The number of proposals for RaAM-endorsed events is steadily increasing. RaAM-endorsed events in 2017 are as follows:

- 4-7 January 2017 *Analyzing Metaphor in Discourse* (Zagreb, Croatia)
- 30 March-1 April 2017 *Look both ways: Narrative and Metaphor in Education* (VU Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- 1-2 June 2017 *Metaphor and Translation* (Toulon, France)
- 24-27 October 2017 *Metaphor in Language and Thought* (Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil)

The chair also announced that there will be elections in 2018 for the following EC offices: Chair, Secretary, Postgraduate liaison, and two Ordinary Members. He encourages all RaAM members to run for office.

b. The Treasurer (Alice Deignan)

The treasurer reported about membership figures. On April 5th 2017, RaAM had 144 members, as follows:

Student/ Retired 3 years: 8 (0 new)
Student/ Retired 1 year: 41 (38 new)

Senior 3 years: 43 (15 new)
Senior 1 year: 52 (50 new)

("New" means had not been recorded on the RaAM database at any time from 2014 onwards. It is common for people to re-join after a gap of a few months or years. These have not been counted as new.)

It is difficult to interpret any overall pattern to membership numbers because people join as they register for conferences, which are not spaced exactly 12 months apart. There is a spike in joining in the months prior to one of the biennial conferences; a number of people joined in May-June 2016 for the Berlin conference held in July 2016.

The treasurer reported the following about RaAM finances:

We have a high level of income from a combination of memberships in connection with the 2016 Berlin seminar (£5030.87) and income from the 2015 Leiden seminar (£809.06): total £5839.83. RaAM expenses have been the following: Website hosting and domain name (£96.79), RaAM insurance (£359.12), EC costs Berlin (£840.01), PhD party Berlin (£200), bank charges due to overseas payments (£200), and costs in Berlin for 10 bursaries (£1742.91). In addition, £2000 was transferred to the RaAM savings account.

The treasurer explained that RaAM will offer £3000 in bursaries for the Hong Kong conference. £1000 will be reserved for students.

c. The Web Editor (Gudrun Reijnierse)

The web editor explained that a WordPress update had changed the layout and font of the website, something that will be fixed in the coming months. There are many more visitors to the website than in past years. In the months before an event, visits to the website increase. People come back regularly – more or less 2 visits from each IP address in the year.

The following are recent additions to the website:

- Published newsletter no. 19
- Updated information about EC elections
- Updated RaAM endorsed events page
- Updated information about Odense seminar
- Updated information about Hong Kong conference

She reminded seminar participants to fill out the post-seminar survey. She will send out an email to all participants with the link.

d. The Conference Secretary (Lettie Dorst)

The conference secretary presented the following information about the 2016 conference in Berlin:

- 174 out of 295 submissions were accepted in single paper presentation (164), themed panel (4) or poster format (4).
- 215 participated; 150 persons from 36 countries contributed directly by giving a talk. 67% of the presenters were women.
- Pre-conference workshop: 19 researchers from 11 countries, including 11 PhD students.
- 36 applications for bursaries: 16 non-students and 20 students. LOC supported 29 bursaries in total; RaAM supported 8 non-student and 5 student. 7 people were granted a fee waiver.
- RaAM support for PhD event (EUR 250)
- Art Exhibition Lynne Cameron, Film Screening
- Opening reception, conference dinner, Cinemoetics reception, party

The conference secretary presented the following information about the 2017 specialized seminar in Odense:

- 56 submissions
- 30 papers, 3 posters, 3 plenary sessions
- Pre-seminar workshop – 24 participants
- Sponsoring of a PhD event: Smørrebrød og øl
- Wine reception & conference dinner

She reminded members of the next RaAM conference from **27-30 June 2018**:

- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Dennis Tay & Kathleen Ahrens

See <http://www.engl.polyu.edu.hk/events/raam/index.html>

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

The Postgraduate liaison officer reported that the RaAM Facebook group has been active over the past year with updates from PG Liaison, info about conferences, events, call for papers, research-related enquiries, discussion etc. He encourages student to engage with RaAM, via the RaAM Student Directory and the METAPHOR Column (student and established academic interviews). He would also like to hear any student ideas for RaAM 2018 in Hong Kong.

He reminds members that the position of RaAM PG Liaison is up for election in 2018 and encourages students to run. For more information, please get in touch with David: postgrad_liaison@raam.org.uk.

f. Newsletter Editor (Tina Krennmayr)

The newsletter editor reported that over the last year, we published number 19 and 20, spring and fall. Newsletter 18 has been viewed 803 times, and downloaded more than that. Newsletters are available at <http://www.raam.org.uk/category/newsletters> .

She encourages people to send in material: anything you want to share about your research or other people's research. Contributions should be sent to newsletter@raam.org.uk.

6. Event updates and notifications

- a. RaAM12 conference at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong

See above (conference secretary's report).

- b. Call for bids for RaAM specialised seminar in 2019

To be announced.

- c. RaAM-endorsed events

See above (chair's report).

7. Any other business

1. Member Fiona McArthur: Not everyone gets funding to go to the Hong Kong conference. She would like to think creatively about how we can keep RaAM together, both now and in the future. Can we post videos for members not able to attend? Open a discussion forum?

The chair responded that these are good suggestions and would add another dimension to our website. We will discuss this with the Hong Kong LOC.

2. The question was raised of whether members receive an automatic alert before their membership expires. The treasurer responded that this on the agenda of planned improvements.

By order of the Executive Committee of RaAM

Susan Nacey

Secretary

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