

## **ASA Treasurer's Report**

**AGM, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Edinburgh**

### **1. Balances**

The accounts are in relatively good health. The balances on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were:

Membership account	1.	£39,216.67
2. Conference account	3.	£23,304.88
4. Firth (yearly interest account)	5.	£28,374.68
6. Reserves (monthly interest account)	7.	£30,173.27
8. TOTAL		<b>£121.069.50</b>

The only current concern is the Firth account, which is in decline. We are avoiding drawing on the fund to allow it to recover.

### **2. ASA Annual Expense Protocol**

In response to a series of request for funding from the ASA from different individuals and organisations, the committee has agreed to put into place an annual expense protocol by which the committee can adjudicate requests for financial support. This protocol will allow the committee to streamline their response to individual requests for financial assistance that the ASA receive as well as setting clear boundaries on the expenditure on such incidental costs each year.

The protocol consists of two sections. The first relates to expenditures incurred by members of the committee in the execution of their duties. The second relates to requests for funding from third parties.

In the second category, we have set aside £800 of financial support for third party applicants. These are members who require 'incidental financial support' for activities that will further the aims of the ASA and professional anthropology in the UK. The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is £100. Some examples of requests that could be supported through 'incidental financial support' are: ASA publications

(rights to images, reproduction of maps etc, in particular with regard to the ASA monograph); network leader travel or coffee and cakes for network events; travel to meeting where teaching prize is awarded for winner; etc. The deadline for the fund is rolling and all applications will be adjudicated by the ASA committee.

As the ASA is a professional organisation, student initiatives will not be considered for funding under this scheme.

### **3. Membership**

There is much more to be done to encourage the uptake of ASA membership among professional anthropologists in the UK. As a committee, we do our best to spread the word of the works of the ASA and the importance of becoming a member of the organisation. But we also rely on our members to encourage colleagues to take up membership and to consider the importance of joining the only professional organisation for anthropologists in the UK.

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