



**The Association of Social Anthropologists
of the UK and Commonwealth**

**MINUTES - ASA AGM
12.45-1.45pm, 20 June 2014, Edinburgh**

Present: Simone Abram, Aet Annist, Megan Caine, Ben Campbell, Pat Caplan, Adam Chau, Vytis Ciubrinskas, Catherine Degnen, Henrike Donner, Iain Edgar, David Gellner, Rachael Goberman-Hill, Chris Gregory, Ian Harper, Gustaaf Houtman, Wendy James, Marloes Janson, Lisette Josephides, Raminder Kaur, Alexander King, Elizabeth Kirtsoglou, Christine McCourt, Claudia Merli, Martin Mills, Zemirah Moffat, Nayanika Mookherjee, David Mosse, Roger Nascimento, Lucy Pickering, A F Robertson, David Shankland, Bob Simpson, Jennifer Speirs, Veronica Strang, Marilyn Strathern, Maya Unnithan, A Waldstein

Apologies: Rita Astuti, Lotte Hoek, Jean La Fontaine

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

- a) Veronica Strang presented the Chair's report. This is available to members [here](#).
- b) Due to the unexpected absence of the Treasurer, Lotte Hoek (whose baby was born just prior to the meeting), the accounts could not be presented in full. It was agreed to circulate these to the members present, for ratification post meeting.

4. New members approval

Secretary Zemirah Moffat read out the list of proposed new members, all of whom were accepted.

5. Thanks to outgoing officers

Thanks were given to Mattei Candea and Rachael Goberman-Hill for their sterling work as Ethics and Networks Officer respectively.

6. Approval of new officers

Approval was given to new Committee Officers: Henrike Donner (Series Editor) and Katharine Tyler (Networks Officer).

7. Proposed new Committee posts

The meeting discussed long-term strategies for achieving more coherent representation of anthropology to policy makers and research funding councils, and the need to widen ASA membership. The Committee asked for and gained members' approval to create two new Committee posts: Policy Liaison Officer and Membership Officer. It was also decided to combine the coordination of the LATAN network with the post of Networks Officer.

8. Conferences

- a) Representatives from Durham presented their proposal for hosting the ASA conference in April 2016. The proposal was accepted.
- b) The University of Adelaide has proposed a joint ASA/AAS/ASAANZ conference in 2017, on the theme of *The State*. The proposal was welcomed, with the expectation that it will be further developed in the interim.
- c) The Committee hopes to encourage some conference innovations, and will consult members about their views on these.

9. Publications

- a) Sage's proposal for a volume of *Major Works in Anthropology* was discussed. It was agreed to decline the proposal on the basis that major works are already available. Sage should instead be encouraged to publish ethnographic monographs.
- b) The volume *Art and Aesthetics in a Globalizing World* will be out later this year, and will be mailed to all paid-up ASA members whose membership includes the monograph.
- c) It was agreed to discontinue producing the printed ASA Annals, as the online Directory of Members and the comprehensive information on departments' own webpages have made these redundant.

10. External issues

- a) The meeting discussed ways to navigate ESRC data access requirements, the committee's activities on this front, and the need for ongoing negotiations with RCUK bodies.
- b) The meeting also noted similar needs for ongoing liaison with relevant bodies regarding visa and immigration issues.

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- a) The RAI has introduced a new prize, the Marsh Award, and members are invited to make nominations for this.
- b) It was noted that the ASA's current rules of procedure are outdated. The meeting agreed that the Committee would consider the current rules and circulate suggested changes.
- c) It was agreed that one hour is too short a time for an AGM and that at the next conference this will be increased to two hours.

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ASA Exeter 13th-16th April 2014