



# The Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth

## ASA Annual General Meeting 13.05-14.45 Wednesday 15th April Alumni Auditorium, University of Exeter

**Present:** Alex King, Anna Arnone, Catherine Degnen, Cressida Jervis-Read, Chris Shore, Dimitrios Theodossopoulos, Doug Farrer, Elisabeth Kirtsoglou, Geraldine Datuin, Gustaaf Houtman, Helen Lambeth, Henrike Donner, Iain Edgar, Ian Harper, Jamie Barnes, Jamie Cross, Jennifer Speirs, João de Pina-Cabral, Joy Hendry, Katharine Tyler, Lisamarie Flores, Marilyn Strathern, Marloes Janson, Maryon McDonald, Michelangelo Paganopoulos, Pete Wade, Sophie Day, Victoria Goddard, Zemirah Moffat

**Apologies:** Lotte Hoek, Lucy Pickering

**1) Previous Minutes** Accepted

**2) No Matters Arising**

**3) VS spoke to Chair's report** (uploaded/attached). Drew our attention to possibility of exploring federation with other associations. Discussion had on benefits of 'small is beautiful' to benefits of collaboration and strategy on academic stage. Agreed to support invite to associations to begin federation discussion.

**4) Accounts Approved**

**5) New Members Approved:** Anna Arnone, Fabiola Jara Gomez, Francis Levesque, Geraldine Datuin, Hans Steinmuller, Joanna White, Kate Niala Fayers-Kerr, Mette High, Michele Dominy, Olga Ulturagasheva, Paul Basu, Pauline Oosterhoff, Rachel Marie Scicluna, Juan Javier Rivera Andia, Elisabeth Anstett.

**6) Thanks given** to retiring ASA officers Ian Fairweather, Mike Poltorak and ASA OnLine Editor Simone Abram.

**7) Welcome to New ASA Officers** and their approval, Jamie Cross (Media) and Michelangelo Paganopoulos (Membership) and ASAOnline Editor Cressida Jervis Read.

**8) Call for applicants** for Committee Vacancies: Honorary Secretary and Policy Liaison Officer.

**9) New Membership and Conference Fee structures proposed** by RJ in light of increased mailing costs for monograph and requests for retiree conference fee. Discussion had weighing merits of increasing membership fees, in light of climate of austerity and real publication and posting costs. It was agreed to accept RJ's suggestions of membership costs (see attached) to future proof membership prices for 5 years. The question of introducing a retired rate for conference attendance raised the issues of real conference cost (with all financial risk carried by host), cultural belonging and affordability.

### **Action Point**

The committee asked to consider all that was brought up and take it forward.

**10) MJ presented ASA Adelaide 2017** dates and conference abstract.

**11) Rules of Procedure** for electing officers and approving new members have been updated.

**Action Point** Rules of Procedure to be circulated in due course for ratification.

**12) Chair outlined the ASA's potential name change**, on which many views have been solicited (see VS report). It was agreed to keep the name as it is, as it is currently good for sense of fellowship, giving symbolic links and most importantly grants access to research funding for members.

**13) Sponsoring of ASA panel at AAA** agreed in principle.

**Action Point**

Committee to take this forward and foster a link.

**14) Media Officer JC** pitched the idea of sourcing a grant or using some of capital to fund a Media Administrator. It was agreed to take this to the committee for consideration.

**15) New Media presentation** by Douglas Farrer, Gera Datuin and Lisa Flores was presented, highlighting the opportunities and challenges of social media.

Specifically encouraging the digital reconfiguration of the ASA and the current geographical bounds of the conference format. The ideas were welcomed and enjoyed and it was agreed that the committee will work to engage and incorporate those social media ideas that are appropriate.

**AOB - none**

## Subscription proposal

Category	No in 2014	Subscription	Proposal
Honorary (no subs)	15	£0	£0
Honorary + mono	3	£10	£15
Senior/Longstanding (no subs)	70	£0	£0
Senior/Longstanding + mono	11	£10	£15
Joint RAI (subs paid to RAI)	63	£25	£25
Associate/Student	5	£25	£25
Full (UK resident)	258	£50	£55
Full (country list A)	74	£35	£46
Full (country list B/Retired/Unwaged)	46	£10	£20
Full (country list B/Retired/Unwaged) + mono	9	£20	£30
<b>Total number of members</b>	<b>554</b>		

10 are costing £25

35 are costing £25  
(24 RoW)

Number where subscription covers more than just mono      446

We charge £10 for UK-based members, £12 for Europe and £15 for ROW, but this doesn't actually fully cover the costs, which rise 6% annually

Location	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
		1	2	3	4	5
UK	£13.63	£13.87	£14.13	£14.40	£14.69	£15.00
Europe	£19.74	£20.35	£20.99	£21.68	£22.40	£23.17
Rest of World	£22.14	£22.75	£23.39	£24.08	£24.80	£25.57

Proposed future-proofing as far as 2019, by increasing the element going towards the monograph

UK	£15
Europe	£23
Rest of World:	£25