

ULAB 2020 Online AGM

Saturday 6th June 2020

This version of the minutes has the numbers of elected position votes redacted, as per a motion passed at the AGM held on Saturday, 13th April 2019, at Queen Mary, University of London.

National Committee's report:

Financial report:

- Amount of money left: £607.53
- The money is still in QMUL and the new national/local treasurer should liaise with them

What went well:

- Good job on maintaining website and archive
- More regular communication between local committee and national committee - regular check up every month
- Introduction of ULAB Monthly (Pride month etc.)
- First non-conference event: Summer Send-Off in London
- Quick and efficient transfer of local committeeship from Oxford and Edinburgh
- Improved social media presence and good incorporation of graphics

What could be better:

- Need to establish a national bank account for the organisation
- Continue with ULAB monthly more regularly - look into splitting this job up between the institutional reps (it has always been the same people writing up)
- There were still some committee members who are less responsive and not fulfilling duties

Local Committee's report from University of Edinburgh

What went well

- Had an enthusiastic and hard-working local committee of 13 students (10 UG, 3 PG)
- New plans for conference workshop
 - Introduction to LaTeX for linguists
 - How to design UKLO-style puzzles
- A number of publishers were willing to provide books for raffle

- Didn't spend any money and were able to refund and reimburse the 17 people who registered from Edinburgh funds
- A very good work was done by the local committee and they managed to get a lot done in the 2 weeks despite the short notice - it would have been a great conference if there had not been a pandemic

What could be better

- In the future it would be better to ask authors to disclose what year they are in as it seems less fair to judge first year work in the same way as final year work
- It would be good to finish the reviewing process so that we can still publish something for the cancelled conference or just so that students who are accepted can put this in their CV
- In the future advertising of the conference should start at least 5-6 months before the conference so that people can plan for their journey, accommodation etc.
- We have some good representations of submissions but still dominated by Edinburgh and Cambridge. Also 40% less submission than previous years - need to work on improving this

*** We are unable to do constitutional amendments because we didn't have a physical conference**

Proposal of the next host institution

Aberdeen University

Proposed by Beatrix Livesey-Stephens, Undergraduate student, University of Aberdeen

No other institutions pitched.

Pitch:

- Have a group of local committee that is willing to put up the conference
- Beatrix as local chair is the president of LingSoc
- Staff were very keen to support events (UKLO)
- Lots of hostel and AirBnB within walking distance of uni

Vote: **Aberdeen to host ULAB 2021**

Total votes: 18

Aberdeen (17)

RON (1)

Result: Aberdeen to host ULAB 2021

Election of Executive Committee

National Chair

Total votes: X

Running for position (votes):

Clodhna Hughes, Edi (X)

RON (X)

Elected: Clodhna Hughes (University of Edinburgh)

Secretary

Total votes: X

Running for position (votes):

Amira Ramdani, Oxford (X)

Riley Crouch, Edi (X)

RON (X)

Elected: Amira Ramdani (University of Oxford)

Treasurer

Total votes: X

Running for position (votes):

Beatrix Livesey-Stephens, Aberdeen (X)

RON (X)

Elected: Beatrix Livesey-Stephens (Aberdeen)

Webmaster

Total votes: X

Running for position (votes):

Michael, Edi (X)

Louis Van Steene, Cambridge (X)

RON (X)

Elected: Louis Van Steene (Cambridge)

Social Media Coordinator

Total votes: X

Running for position (votes):

Anne Eschenbrucher, Aberdeen (X)

RON (X)

Elected: Anne Eschenbrücher (Aberdeen)

- Elected as placeholder and role will be transferred if a suitable undergrad candidate is found

Archivist

Total votes: X

Running for position (votes):

Tom Williamson, Lancaster/Cambridge (X)

RON (X)

Elected: Tom (Lancaster/Cambridge)

Institutional Reps' Coordinator

Total votes: X

Running for position (votes):

Riley Crouch, Edi (X)

RON (X)

Elected: Riley Crouch (Edi)

Institutional Reps

University of Edinburgh - Michael

University of Aberdeen - Beatrix Livesey-Stephens

University of Cambridge - Nuria Bosch Masip

UCL - Anastasia Putilova

University of Oxford - Amira Ramdani

University of Lancaster - Poppy Plumb

Stanford University - Brandon Papineau

University of Maryland - Justin Malcic

Suggestions:

- The new committee can set up advertisements for recruiting more IRs
- Looking forward to (online) social events

Close of meeting

Delivered by the new national chair, Clíodhna Hughes.