

*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.*

### **Executive Chair: Introduction**

Reports from National Committee:

- York St John: 53 talks, 4 plenaries
- Aberdeen : 45 talks, 3 plenaries

Some cancellations, it is expected. The reduction in size is not problematic. The conference has been fantastic, organisation stellar.

ULAB is a linguistics organisation, but it can and should turn into an organisation that branches out, turning into a hub for all those with a passion for language.

### **Treasurer report:**

The budget is accepted. Nothing was spent from the national account, still with approximately £400 surplus.

### **Chair: Host Institution for ULAB2017**

One bid: University of Cambridge

Arguments:

- Active Linguistics and Modern Medieval Linguistics Society
- Faculty members have shown excitement for organising the conference
- The site is central, numerous lecture theatres, pubs, restaurants
- University accommodation: many colleges offer conference accommodation. Hostels, AirBNB.
- Cambridge is a rich cultural site with many museums, historical colleges, etc.

Let's take the plunge!

Questions:

Chair: What does it mean that Cambridge is planning to introduce modern languages into the concept?

Answer: It would broaden the scope, even if only means a larger number of people attending.

Voting:

16 votes for (five from Cambridge's own committee). Unanimous vote.

### **Electing the National Committee**

Electable positions:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Vice Chair
- Assistant Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer

Ordinary members are elected by discretion of the delegates.

The current Secretary, Chair and Treasurer explain their roles.

For Treasurer: One candidate. University of Cambridge, Ollie Sayeed. X votes in favour. X.

For Secretary: One candidate. Helen Attwood from York St John University. X in favour. X.

For Chair: One candidate. James Puchowski from University of Edinburgh. X in favour. X.

For Webmaster: One candidate. Holly Redfearn from University of Aberdeen. X in favour. X.

For Vice-Treasurer: One candidate. Samuel Anderson from University of Cambridge. X in favour. X.

For Vice-Secretary: One Candidate. Andrew Merrison from York St John University. X in favour. X.

For Vice-Chair: One Candidate. Elisabeth Kerr from the University of Cambridge. X in favour. X.

Ordinary members:

1. Ben Edwards, York St John University
2. Gabrielle Flockton, York St John University
3. Tilly Flint, York St John University
4. Sophie Walker, York St John University
5. Elenaoir Read, York St John University
6. Tamisha Tan, University of Cambridge
7. Rachel Fox, York St John University
8. Martha Wilson, York St John University
9. Dioke Bins, York St John University
10. Helen Humphrey, York St John University
11. Mari Aigro, University of Aberdeen

All elected. X votes in endorsing all the members. Unanimous.

#### Changes to the constitution:

1.5: ULAB visual identity, defined as the four letters in the word 'ULAB' and the vowel plot around it, can only be changed with a general vote at the AGM. Vote: Unanimous (22).

9.1: ULAB may be dissolved at the AGM, if and only if there are at least 75% of votes in favour. Vote: Unanimous (22). Unanimous.

5.15, ... using the same system outlined in 5.10. Vote: Unanimous (22).

Congratulations to James for running a smooth and efficient AGM, congratulations to the Organising Committee for the last three days.