



Association of Adaptation Studies Annual General Meeting
Monday September 26, 2016
5.00-5.30pm
Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre, St Anne's College, Oxford, UK

1. Apologies

Trustees Barton Palmer and Thomas Leitch both apologised by email for their non-attendance.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the AAS AGM September, 2015, in London were approved.

3. Chairs' Announcements

Jeremy Strong and Imelda Whelehan both confirmed that they would be stepping down as co-Chairs for the Association. An announcement on the new chair/s will be made to Association members ASAP. Jean Sherry was thanked for designing the conference packs.

4. Election of Trustees

It was confirmed that members will be invited to nominate themselves in an election to appoint new Trustees. After members have nominated themselves they will be invited to complete a short statement regarding their experience and aims for the AAS. These will then be collated and sent out to AAS members who will be invited to vote. Members who wish to nominate themselves were asked to email Jamie Sherry by 31st October, although this will be confirmed in an email.

5. Essay Prize 2016 and 2017

It was confirmed that the winner for the 2016 essay prize was Lida Zeitlin Wu, whose essay is now available online at the Adaptation journal website. Entries to the Adaptation Essay Prize 2017 are now open. The prize is open to anyone

currently registered for either an undergraduate or postgraduate degree on any subject within adaptation studies, and the deadline is 1st April, 2017.

6. Budget, spending plans and Treasurer's Report 2015-16

Members received the Treasurer's Report that showed that membership subscriptions had improved in advance of the conference. Deborah Cartmell (Treasurer) confirmed that financially the Association is healthy. The balance as of August, 2015, was £5,383.00, and by August 24 2016 this figure had increased to £16,539.97. Outgoings were £3833.44 and incomings were £14990.41. Major expenses included Membership Secretary expenses, 2015 Conference speakers' expenses, 2015 travel awards, OUP members' subscriptions, website renewal, and dinner deposit.

7. Trustees & Interim Meetings

Existing Trustees and those considering nominating themselves for the Trustee role were reminded that, as well as the AGM, interim meetings also need to be held 3-4 times per year. The next scheduled interim meeting would be February, 2017.

8. AAS Website & Social Media

Both Jamie Sherry and Kyle Meikle were thanked for their updating of the Association website. Delegates were asked to forward any appropriate events, conferences, and publications to Jamie Sherry for inclusion on the site. Feedback on ways to improve the AAS website were requested. Kyle was also thanked for his updating of social media (Facebook and Twitter).

9. 2017 conference plans and expressions of interest for future conferences

The Chairs invited delegates to get in contact if they have ideas for, or can host, the Annual conference in 2017 and beyond.

10. Broadening AAS activities

The Association may be involved in future conferences in with SAMLA, LFA, Borrowers and Lenders and Adaptation and Dance (De Montfort University, 2016). Association members discussed a number of initiatives and possible ideas for future AAS conferences. Members were positive about allowing space during the conference for general discussion about adaptation, rather than over-relying on panels. Members also wanted to see support for postgraduate students, perhaps in

the form of a PG student only panel, with discussion, and a poster competition. Trustee Kamilla Elliott mentioned that there could be closer liaison with the Literature Film Association. Members also discussed the possibility of awarding prizes for research in the field, perhaps in the form of a book and/or article prize.

11. A.O.B Notification of AOB

The Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer thanked members for attending the conference and their contribution to a memorable event.