



The Literary London Society

Minutes taken at the Literary London Society's Committee Meeting
Saturday 14 January 2012

Apologies from Simon Goulding, Lawrence Phillips and Allison Lin.

Official congratulations to Peter Jones on winning the LLS Graduate prize

Item 1: LLS founder Lawrence Phillips' departure

Committee recognises the contribution Lawrence has made over the 9 years he's been involved and expresses their appreciation of all his hard work. Mary Coghill suggests having an honorary award in tribute to Lawrence either a graduate prize or best journal article prize?

Action point: Committee agrees Lawrence will be given lifetime honorary membership at the conference in July

Item 2: New Appointments

Due to Lawrence's departure, the LL Journal needs a new editor. Mary Coghill proposed Susan Fischer, Jenny Bavidge seconded Mary's proposal. All voted in favour.

Susan Fischer is appointed new LLS Journal Editor

The journal also needs a new review editor. Suzie Thomas proposed by Peter Jones, seconded by Nick Bentley. All voted in favour

Suzie Thomas is appointed new LLS Journal Reviews Editor

Item 3: Newsletter

Society decided to put together and distribute quarterly a newsletter. This would be distributed by the secretary at present.

Action point: start newsletter

Item 4: Internet Forum

The Society decided that the online discussion group will be set up and perhaps monitored by Holly Prescott.

Item 5: LLS Status

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Society decided to register as a charity when it makes over £5000 (required to do so by law at that point anyhow).

Item 6: LLS Membership

Society decided to incorporate membership form into website. Peter Jones raised need to attract members from further afield. In particular, LLS needs to attract members from universities in London and elsewhere.

Current members invited by President to apply for travel expenses.

Action point: set up online membership form and PayPal. To discuss the promotion of the society at London universities and elsewhere at the summer meeting: marketing/advertising = areas that need to improved.

Item 7: Conference

The new date for annual conference is 4-6 July. Suggested plenary speakers include: Michael Rosen, Rachel Bowlby, Laura Marcus and Vic Gatrell. Suggested location if IES not available: Kingston or Greenwich University

Action point: contact suggested plenary speakers. Check availability of IES.

Item 8: Journal

Society decided to change the publication dates to Autumn/Spring/Summer etc. so that there's less pressure on all to meet set deadlines. The Spring edition will be September 2011. Re advisory/editorial board: members to contact who they think would make an appropriate fit.

Action point: members to contact who they think would make a suitable member of the journal advisory/editorial board.

Item 9: Website

Society debated setting up Statbrain to monitor number of hits website receives but rejected idea.

Society decided to appoint early career representative

Action Point: Brycchan to set up link to LLS reading group

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