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Chair's Report 2015-16

This BSRLM Executive Committee

Assuming that the constitution is amended in 2016 and reflecting current practice, the periods of office (see table below) follow the long standing and sensible agreement to have some stability within the Executive Committee in any given year. It is to be noted that appointments are for 3 years 4 months in order for the retiring officer to work with the new officer during the period January to April.

The following summarises anticipated positions and periods of office:

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Chair	Hilary Povey	<i>New Chair</i>	<i>New Chair</i>	<i>New Chair</i>
Secretary	Heather Mendick	Heather Mendick	<i>New Secretary</i>	<i>New Secretary</i>
Membership Secretary	Rachel Marks	Rachel Marks	<i>New Membership Secretary</i>	<i>New Membership Secretary</i>
Treasurer	Gwen Ineson	Gwen Ineson	Gwen Ineson	<i>New treasurer</i>
Publications Officer	Gill Adams	<i>New Publications Officer</i>	<i>New Publications Officer</i>	<i>New Publications Officer</i>
Online Communications	(Alison Clark-Wilson)	<i>New Online Communications Co-ordinator</i>	<i>New Online Communications Co-ordinator</i>	<i>New Online Communications Co-ordinator</i>
BERA SIG and Outreach	Alf Coles	Alf Coles	Alf Coles	<i>New BERA SIG and Outreach</i>
Day Conference Organiser	Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai	Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai	<i>New Day Conference Organiser</i>	<i>New Day Conference Organiser</i>

In addition, we propose that Alison Clark-Wilson be co-opted for a further year to work alongside the new Online Communications Co-ordinator. Alison has made a tremendous contribution to the development of the new website and we should very much like her to see this process through to completion. We are very grateful indeed that Alison is willing to continue.

The Executive Committee has met three times during the year, as well as doing a great deal of work by e-mail to ensure the smooth running of the society.

We are losing Dr Gill Adams as Conference Proceedings Editor. Gill has given invaluable service to the Society, seeing through the transition from Current Reports to reviewed Conference Abstracts in RME, and we are very grateful to her. She has given unstintingly and generously of her time during her period of office to the significant benefit of the Society.

Research in Mathematics Education

The Executive remains extremely grateful to RME's Editors for developing the journal into one of international standing of which the Society can be proud. In consultation with the Editors, The Executive appointed seven new members of the Editorial Board in January and a new editor in September to replace Professor Jeremy Hodgson. The Executive is very grateful indeed for the tremendous contribution that Jeremy has made to the work and vision of the journal.

Joint Mathematical Council

I attended two JMC meetings and Gill Adams attended one since the last AGM. I have been on the Executive Council throughout this time and acted as the JMC representative on the ICME13 Bursary Committee.

Dr Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai is the BSRLM representative on the BCME9 Organising Committee. He reports that the conference will take place between Tuesday, 3rd April and Friday, 6th April, 2018. The venue is expected to be the University of Warwick. The new website will go live by the end of the year.

Dr Alison Clark-Wilson is the BSRLM representative on the BCME9 Reference Group and on the Programme Committee. She reports that formal invitations are soon to go out to the nominated plenary speakers and plenary panel Chair. The draft programme and draft invitation for session proposals have been produced and is being discussed/refined by the committee.

- We have discussed with the BCME9 Programme Committee changes in the way that research contributions are handled:
- The invitation for submissions to BCME9, including research sessions, will all happen in the 'normal' way. BSRLM will circulate this invitation to its membership.
- The online speaker submission form will require participants to indicate the nature of their proposed session, which will include categories such as: practical workshop; session focussed on mathematics/mathematics education; session focused on the presentation of research. Consequently, these 'presentation of research' abstracts would not be reviewed by BSRLM – and so could be fully integrated within the programme.
- The programme will incorporate 30, 60 and 90 minute sessions. BSRLM will work with the Programme Committee to organise the programme strands to group all of the contributions to form a coherent programme. Ideally, these might be 'mixed' sessions that include different forms of presentation around some common themes.
- BSRLM will contact all of the presenters who have tagged their submissions as 'presentation of research' to invite them to submit an 8 page paper before the conference - which we will make available online prior to the conference. The contributions will appear just as submitted at this stage without review. The Executive will discuss how to avoid this counting as publication so that material can be easily re-worked for submission in the proceedings or elsewhere.

- We have recommended that a Proceedings Committee be established (with representation from the BCME partners) to oversee the production of the proceedings after the conference. BSRLM would be responsible for oversight of the peer review process for the research paper submissions – and support a sub-team of partners from the other associations to QA the contributions that are not ‘research’ per se.
- We anticipate that, following the conference, all those who submitted an 8 page paper will be invited to submit a revised paper for the BCME9 Proceedings (and also agree to review another paper) – which would be fully-peer-reviewed by BSRLM members. The BSRLM Executive will appoint an editorial team from BSRLM who have relevant experience to oversee this task. We have recommended that the BCME proceedings be published by BSRLM as an occasional publication (as for BCME7 and BCME8).

Honorary members

As agreed at the last AGM, the Executive has made the first of the revised BSRLM Honorary Awards. We were delighted to offer this to Professor Margaret Brown for her long-term consistent and outstanding service to research in mathematics education in the UK, and also consistent support for BSRLM.

Review of BSRLM Research

The last review of BSRLM research was conducted by Marilyn Nickson in 2003, covering the period 1995-2002. The Executive has taken the decision in principle to commission a new review of the research presented at BSRLM Day Conferences covering the period 2003-2016.

Hilary Povey, Nov 2016