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Online Communications Coordinator

Pete Wright, UCL Institute of Education

Annual General Meeting Minutes

9th November 2019, Queen's University Belfast

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** were agreed as an accurate record
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - I. **Chair's Report:** Sue Gifford summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. She highlighted that as a result of the Open forum discussion we will try a Friday day conference in 2021. We will trial all 40 minute sessions at the Spring conference at the University of Cambridge in Spring 2020. Thirdly we will investigate offering a paperless option for RME journal. BSRLM abstracts included in RME will continue for now. The Brighton team: Rachel Marks, Nancy Barclay, Alison Barnes and Paraic Treacy were commissioned by the executive to review BSRLM proceedings over last 15 years. The findings and implications are being considered and discussed at executive meetings.
An Honorary BSRLM Award will be given to John Mason at the Cambridge University conference in March 2020. Sue reminded members about the annual vote for the Janet Duffin award which will take place from January 2020 with the remit of voting for an article from the ones which you have read that you consider to have the most significance for you. She thanked outgoing members of the executive. Next year more exec roles will be available for those interested in joining.
 - II. **Treasurers Report:** Nancy Barclay summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. She highlighted a recent dip in monies. This is due to some extra expenditure primarily the a review of its informal proceedings from 2003-2017 and commissioning of web developers to rebuild the site.

- III. **Membership Secretary's report:** Helen Thouless summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. Membership has reduced since 2016. Helen flagged up that we have a large number of mailing list only members but they don't bring in any money. Helen's recent focus has been on the website and making it more user friendly. She also clarified that the lateness of the distribution of the hard copies of Research in Mathematics Education is due to an issue with the publishers Taylor and Francis.
 - IV. **Publications Officer's report:** Fiona Curtis summarised her report that had been circulated in advance. We have a regular stream of people submitting good quality proceedings after day conferences. These include international submissions. There was an upsurge at the beginning of the year due to very well attended conference at Kings College London in November 2018.
 - V. **Online communications Officer's report:** Pete Wright summarised his report that had been circulated in advance. More people using the BSRLM website and we have growing followers on twitter. He invited members to submit a blog for the website. Please send to Pete directly. The committee has spent a great deal of time looking at different options to resolve current issues with the website.
 - VI. **Outreach Coordinator's report:** Colin Foster summarised his report that had been circulated in advance. A key elements of his role is to link with the British Education Research Association (BERA). He is convenor for the BERA Special Interest Group (SIG) in Mathematics Education .Vince Trakulphadetkrai is the other convenor. At the BERA conference in September in Manchester there were a good number of papers but low attendance. Colin would like to hear from members on their thoughts on what the function of the SIG should be. Please contact him directly. On Saturday 7 December 2019 a *BERA Practitioner Research in Mathematics Education* event is taking place. Please promote this to teachers/practitioners that you work with.
 - VII. **Day Conference Organisers' report:** Geoff Wake and Marie Joubert summarised their report that had been circulated in advance. There were three successful conferences this year, held at the Open University in Milton Keynes, the University of Birmingham with a new researchers day and at Queen's University Belfast. Geoff and Marie thanked all the local hosts. The next conference will be at the University of Cambridge on the 7th March where we will try out 40 min sessions. The University of Leeds follows in the summer and the University of Edinburg in the Autumn. Conferences will be held at the University of Bristol and Loughborough University in 2021. If anyone is interested in hosting a conference please contact Marie and Geoff.
5. **RME Editors report:** As no editors were present the Chair read out their report. RME continues to enjoy a good international reputation. In 2018, 102 articles were sent out to review. In 2019, so far, 115 articles have gone out to review. We have a healthy and significantly increased number of papers which are online first. An open call for reviewing recently-published books for RME continues. We will soon be making a call for new Editorial Board members and also proposals for a Special Issue in 2021.
 6. **Election to Executive Committee**
Jeremy Hodgen – elected as Chair unopposed

Rachel Marks – elected as Publications Office unopposed

A vote was carried out to elect the Online Communications Officer. Nominations were Fay Baldry and Pablo Mayorga. Sealed votes were collected from members present at the AGM. Pablo Mayorga received the greatest numbers of votes and so was elected as the Online Communications Officer.

7. AOB

Sue thanked those present and closed the meeting.