

Draft Minutes of the VSSN Annual General Meeting 2015 (26th November 2015)

VSSN Members Present: Mike Aiken, Leila Baker, Andy Benson, Loizos Carserides, Chris Cornforth, Robert Dalziel, Angela Ellis Paine, Mike Hemmings, Carol Jacklin Jarvis, Daiga Kamerade, David Kane, Sonia Liff, Mike Locke, Rob Macmillan, Peter Maple, Gareth Morgan, Debra Morris, Ursula Murray, James Rees, Colin Rochester, Duncan Scott, Alexandra Sporidou, Vita Terry, Hugh Waters, Meta Zimmeck.

Apologies: Angelica Finnegan, Linda Milbourne, Roxanne Persaud, Emma Taylor, Gillian White.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM: These were accepted subject to any corrections notified in the next week.

Chair's Remarks: Rob Macmillan chair of VSSN reported on the year to the end of July 2015. He reported that VSSN continued to operate successfully with two day conferences, a lively discussion list, and a well-regarded journal. He introduced the annual report and finances.

Annual Report and finances: Meta Zimmeck, VSSN treasurer, reported that VSSN finances are sound but there are pressures on us. These include increased costs of running day conferences due to the increasing rarity of academic rooms at low cost. The SG had also started paying the expenses of members attending their meetings if they did not have any other source of funds. VSSN also needs to find ways to grow membership and conference attendance.

Duncan Scott suggests that the SG considers a 'golden hello' approach to new members – particularly for those outside London.

The meeting is asked to receive the accounts and approves them.

Election to the VSSN Steering Group: Rob Macmillan announced the results of the recent election. Anjelica Finnegan and Meta Zimmeck were re-elected and Chris Dayson was newly elected. Rob Dalziel stepped down after 6 years on the SG and was thanked for his wide-ranging contribution.

Election to the VSR Editorial Management Board: Rob Macmillan announced the results of the recent election. James Rees was re-elected and Tracey Coule and Daiga Kamerade were newly elected. Pete Alcock and Margaret Harris stepped down after 6 years on the board and were thanked for their contribution.

Any Other Business: Gareth Morgan, who has recently retired, was thanked for his formal and informal contributions to VSSN over many years.

Appleby were thanked for their continuing contribution to VSSN's administration.

Various events and conferences were announced including VAHS' 25th Anniversary Conference in July.