

Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies

Annual General Meeting

24th September 2013

Hotel Casa 400, Amsterdam

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Elizabeth Cooksey welcomed SLLS members to the AGM. A quorum of Society members was present (44), including all Executive Committee members, as follows:

- Elizabeth Cooksey (EC), President
- Tom Jupp (TJ), Treasurer
- Elizabeth Webb (EW), Secretary
- Heather Joshi (HJ), Past President
- David Blane (DB)
- John Bynner (JB)
- Walter Heinz (WH)
- Jan Smit (JS)
- Dimitri Mortelmans (DM)
- Jeylan Mortimer (JM)
- Amanda Sacker (AS)
- Ingrid Schoon (IS)
- Tom Schuller (TS)

2. President's Report (EC)

Noted: The Society has completed its third full year of operation and this conference is its fourth. The fifth conference will be held in Lausanne in 2014.

Agreed: We thank Jan Smit, his colleagues in Amsterdam and Catherine Westlake for their organization of the 2013 conference.

Noted: The theme for the Lausanne conference is policy, in recognition of the importance of the policy relevance of our research.

Noted: The Society is calling for volunteer hosts for the 2015 and future conferences.

Noted: The outcomes of the recent elections. Hans Peter Blossfeld is the President Elect. JS is to replace EW as Secretary. AS and IS have been re-elected as ordinary members of the Executive Committee, and will be joined by Yvonne Kelly and Ellen Flint who will represent Early Career Researchers. DB, WH, HJ and EW are stepping down from their positions on the committee.

Agreed: Two changes to the constitution:

- President to stay on as Past President for one year after the end of their term. AS proposed and JS seconded.
- Changes to the language concerning trustees, and to have five co-opted trustees. EW proposed, DB seconded.

3. Report from the Treasurer (TJ)

Noted: The full accounts of the Society are available on the website (www.slls.org.uk). In summary, the Society ended the 2012 financial year with a £15,000 and 2011 with £13,000, resulting in a reserve of £27,000. Surpluses are mainly the result of successful conferences and the associated sponsorship.

Noted: The Society has now taken financial responsibility for the LLCS journal, which has associated costs but is gathering sponsorship (ISER at Essex University, VU Amsterdam).

Noted: Existing sponsorship of the Society comes to an end in 2014.

4. Report from the Secretary (EW)

Noted: The Society has 316 active members in 21 countries, including 12 corporate memberships, and 166 lapsed members. Conference registration led to 49 new memberships and renewals of memberships.

5. LLCS Journal Report (JB)

Noted: The 13th issue of the journal will be published in October 2013.

Noted: The journal has nearly 1600 registered readers, there have been 2080 hits on the website this year from 80 countries, 22 libraries have subscribed.

Noted: Individual hard copies of LLCS are for sale from www.sllsbookshop.org.uk.

Noted: LLCS will apply for impact factors in 2014, since this year's applications were not successful.

Agreed: Thanks to Jane Raimes, the section editors and reviewers, and to JB for all their hard work.

6. Report from the Capacity Building Subcommittee (DB)

Noted: The third summer school, held in Antwerp for the second year, was successful, with 22 student attendees from 8 countries.

Noted: The locations of the next three summer schools are decided (Amsterdam 2014, Bamberg 2015, Milan 2016).

7. Policy Group Report (TS)

Noted: Longview has reintegrated into SLLS as a Policy Group, which aims to increase the utilisation of our research by policy makers.

8. Cohort network (HJ)

Agreed: A new section of the Society to link people working on cohorts, panel and record linkage studies, organized by HJ.

9. Any other business

Thanks to editorial committee of LLCS and the section editors (Carol Dezateux, Robert Erikson, Harvey Goldstein, Barbara Maugham, Mike Wadsworth).

Thanks to all SLLS members in attendance at the AGM.

10. Next meeting

The 2014 AGM will most likely be during the Society's 2014 annual conference in Lausanne, Switzerland.