

British Philosophy of Sport Association.

Minutes of the Second AGM held at the Oxstalls Campus, University of Gloucestershire: 24th June 2004.

1. Apologies for absence were reported.

2. The Minutes of the First AGM were accepted.

3.1 The Chair reported on the early success of the Association as clearly reflected in the Programme for the Conference. This related to the number of Papers, their quality, and their range of provenance. It was particularly pleasing that the first national Conference was in substance international; ten countries were represented.

3.2 Representations had been made by the Chair regarding the desirability of a Philosophy of Sport presence in relation to the Panel of the next Research Assessment Exercise.

3.3 Submission of Papers for 2005 ECSS Conferences in Belgrade (<http://www.ecss.de/html/Congresses/10Belgrade.htm>) was encouraged as was philosophical submissions to its journal (<http://www.ecss.de/html/Publications.htm>).

3.4 Consideration would be given to formal affiliation to IAPS at its next meeting in Dallas in September. (Action H. Sheridan)

4. The Secretary reported on a disappointing response to a personal initiative to recruit a number of "non-academics" into membership. However Lord Moynihan had joined and expressed strong support.

5. The Treasurer reported that there had been 28 members in 2003 but that only 23 had so far paid for 2004. The meeting accepted a proposal from the Chair to double fees from 2005 but then to offer a Conference discount. Members on low salaries (exact level to be determined) would pay the lower rate. (Action : all executive)

5.1 A European Agent would be sought to facilitate transfer of funds. (Action: H Sheridan)

6. A data base of members would be established and made available subject to a privacy opt-out. (Action: H Sheridan)

7. Andy Miah (in absentium) raised the issue of designing a new logo. It was agreed to keep the current logo for the moment given ongoing discussions of the identity of the BPSA and whether it might become a European-wide association.

8. Soundings would be made as to the desirability of the Association evolving into a European Association in good time. Dr Karen Llewellyn, though formally standing down from the Executive, would pursue European links on its behalf. In addition, members from Europe present at the AGM agreed to take a lead in discussing the concept with their colleagues in their respective national associations / networks. (Action: Chair to co-ordinate)

9.1 It was confirmed that the Vice-Chair would serve until 2006.

9.2 Mr Jerry Bingham was elected unanimously to fill the PR/Marketing vacancy created by the resignation of Dr Karen Llewellyn.

9.3 Dr Stephen Mumford was elected unanimously to serve on the Committee in place of Mike Harthill.

9.4 Both Dr Llewellyn and Mr Harthill were thanked for their contributions to the initiation of the Association and its fledgling development.

10.1 The 2005 Conference would be held in Derwentside (Durham/Newcastle, North East England) at a date to be confirmed, probably in May. The region is served by two international airports at Teesside (Middlesbrough, and Newcastle). The site convenor would be Mr Stephen Howell. Mr Howell may be contacted via S_HOWELL@derwentside.org.uk. The Association was grateful for the invitation and noted its thanks.

10.2 An offer had been made from the University of Northumbria to host a future Conference. Dr Olivier was thanked for his offer. Given the proximity of the University of Northumbria, the Chair welcomed other offers. It was hoped that a decision would be made at the beginning of the new academic year in order to assist planning. (Action: M. McNamee, K. Thompson)

11. The Chair was briefed to continue discussions on a Journal which would reflect central concerns of the Society even though it had become clear that an Association journal as such would not attract a major publisher. A very clear and universally shared sentiment was noted that the prospective Journal should not aim to compete with IAPS publication; Journal of the Philosophy of Sport, published by Human Kinetics.

12. In an attempt to promote the work of the Association, Dr Leon Culbertson would convene a themed study group. The study group, based on a similar operation for sports scholarship in the British Sociological Association, would aim to:

1. Raise BPSA profile;
2. Assist BPSA membership drive;
3. Improve the quality of what we offer to our members;
4. Create more opportunities for the presentation of work and the exchange of ideas in the philosophy of sport;
5. Extend the geographical coverage of our activities in a short period of time;
6. Maintain a year-round presence in the academic calendar.

The proposal was warmly received and Dr Culbertson thanked for his initiative. It was noted that he would offer the first such study group at Edge Hill College in December. It was agreed that the study group should meet on a non-fee basis to members. The theme of the first study group would be announced shortly. Any queries should be directed to Dr Culbertson (culbertl@edgehill.ac.uk). Dr Jim Parry (Leeds University) offered a second such during the academic year. Other members expressed a similar interest and Dr Culbertson agreed to convene and oversee the development more generally. (Action: L. Culbertson)

13. Mr Tony Skillen would represent BPSA at the next BPA AGM and would report back. (Action: T. Skillen)

14. It was agreed that Dr Jim Parry would audit the accounts. (Action: H. Sheridan / J. Parry)

15. Dr Heather Sheridan had offered to edit selected Conference Proceedings. Contributors should contact Heather who would also welcome assistance from members with editing experience.

16. It was suggested that consideration be given to an open forum at the next Conference.
17. The date of the next meeting would be confirmed when the Annual Conference dates were finalised and would be transmitted electronically.
18. There was no AOB