BPSA Executive Meeting

8th April 2013

University of Gloucestershire

1. Apologies were received from Lisa Edwards

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were signed as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

None

4. *Sport Ethics and Philosophy* Editor's Report

4. 1 General comment

It was noted that Taylor and Francis are extremely pleased with the progress of the journal.

SEP's reputation is 8.3/10

JP and MM's Olympic special issue was third prize in the reader's pole of Taylor and Francis’s special Olympic issue journals.

4.2 Subscriptions

Core subscriptions have been taken by 42 libraries. (79 libraries has SEP included in packages)

This represents a steady rise in subscriptions, but according to the original contract the BPSA will receive no royalties until 100 subscriptions have been taken out. The editor is currently trying to renegotiate this, in order to link royalties to the number of downloads.

4.3 Downloads

There have been 11,000 article downloads up to the end of 2012.

The most popular article for download is by Coggan and Holms on transsexuals. The authors have been approached by the editor, and agreed, to edit a special issue on this topic.

The editor is pursuing a policy of making certain articles free to download.

The University of Manitoba is most frequent downloader (with five Canadian universities in the top ten downloaders). The scope of downloading is global, led by USA, Canada and UK.

4.4 *Journal of Philosophy of Sport*

It was noted that creative collaboration between SEP and JPS is actively encouraged.

4.5 Efficiency

90% of papers are reviewed within 3 months.

4.6 Special Issues

The most recent special issue (volume 7 (1)) was on Sport and Art.

The next special issue will be edited by Jesus Ilundain.

Editor is open to further proposals for special issues.

JP suggesting involvement of colleagues from Japan in a special issue.

4.7 JP thanked MM for his continuing work.

5. Treasurer's report

A report has been circulated. Current account is healthy (£3600 balance in 2013, excluding £1000 to be paid to Taylor and Francis for journal publication).

Membership is static (but will be promoted at BPSA and IAPS). Promotion of the Association is a priority.

6. Elections to Executive

It was noted that the following had been nominated of election to the executive for a term of two-years:

Chair - Emily Ryall

Vice-Chair - Paul Davis

Secretary - Andrew Edgar

Treasurer – Lisa Edwards

Two committee members - Richard Royce

Cathy Devine

6. Future Conference Plans

6.1 2014 Nancy (EAPS in association with the BPSA)

Lev Kreft introduced the Nancy Conference, 'Alternative Body Practices in European Philosophy of Sport since 2000', organised for 17th to 19th April 2014.

A venue is available although details of facilities need to be confirmed.

An organisational committee is required.

MM and JP agreed be the abstract committee for English language abstracts.

In the style of French conferences, the conference has certain themes to do with alternative body practices. It will be requested that an addition general theme of the Philosophy of Sport is added, and that this theme runs throughout the conference, with the EAPS/BPSA contribution being integrated into all days of the conference.

The French organising committee will be encouraged to send all promotional and other publicity material to MM and JP for help with its English expression.

It was agreed that there will be a space for BPSA AGM.

Proposed conference fee 150 euro for EAPS members (plus 50 euros for conference dinner).

Proposal will be made by MM and LK to offer of Special Issue of SEP for the best conference papers (in English), co-edited by the conference chair and native English speaker.

The possibility was raised of student awards - MM suggests exploring possibility of EU support for awards and other aspects of the association

6.2 BPSA Conference 2015

Paul Davis offered to explore possibility of conference in Sunderland (2015)

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None