

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Edinburgh on Saturday 25 November 2017 at 1500 hours

Present: Paul Kearns (Chair), Marjorie MacRae (Treasurer), Eneida Garcia Villanueva and Pat Baxter (Committee members), 7 members of the Society.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Paul Kearns welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mhairi Young.

2. Approval of minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes of the meeting held in Glasgow on 19 November 2016 were approved without amendment, their adoption having been proposed by Marjorie MacRae and seconded by Anne Withers.

3. Chairman's report

a) Paul Kearns reported first on the range and number of events held over the last year which included speakers **Prof. Katrina Strani-Jefferson** on **Multi-lingual democracies** (November 2016); **Prof. Paul Bishop** on **Do languages really mean business?** (May 2017); **lawyer-linguist Sue Leschen** on **Confidentiality issues for interpreters and translators** (September 2017); and **Prof. Bernie O'Rourke** on **Who has the authority to speak?** (today's meeting). The February 2017 talk was ~~cancelled because of the speaker's illness but is rescheduled for next year when it~~ will also be translated into BSL. In addition to the regular events, two CPD sessions were also held under the theme **Marketing for Linguists (Alba Sort)**. The Society continues to offer a wide range of topics intended to appeal to the broad interests of our membership.

b) There have been increasing numbers of attendees at our regular events. We believe this is owing to the quality and high standard of these; their appeal to a varied demographic including students and career linguists; the wide distribution throughout Scotland of our newsletter detailing coming events; use of the



Eventbrite platform for bookings and promotions; wider publicity through university

- (ii) a budget will be set centrally from which claims will be authorised by our treasurer for payment from our allocation;
- (iii) payment will be made by a firm of accountants by bank transfer;
- (iv) a monthly management report will be issued to us for monitoring and accuracy purposes.

(b) Our budgeted allocation for the current financial year is £1550 (sufficient to enable us to continue to recruit speakers from a distance and to use the city centre hotels that are so vital to a far-flung membership such as ours, for our meetings). It will also mean that we can continue to offer free attendance at our events.

c) The local accounts at handover recorded a surplus of £586.29, a very satisfactory outturn for the end of our financial year in August 2017.

d) ~~Adoption of the Treasurer's report and minutes was proposed by Simon Oladjins and seconded by Eneida Garcia Villanueva.~~

5. Election of committee for 2017–18

a) There being no immediate response to calls for volunteers to stand for

(d) Any comments on the new terms should be fed back to our chairman, Paul Kearns, for submission centrally.

7. Any other business

(a) Simon Oladjins raised the issue of events attendance for Aberdeen members, noting that no events are currently proposed for that location. It was suggested that he should explore what the likely attendance numbers might be for an event held in Aberdeen, and to find out if there are local members who could help with finding suitable