

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION IN ART AND DESIGN HELD AT
CHELSEA COLLEGE OF ARTS, 16 JOHN ISLIP STREET, LONDON SW1P 4JU ON
SATURDAY 18th JUNE 2016, COMMENCING AT 13.30 pm**

In the Chair, Ged Gast, President of the Society

1/16 ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Society attended the meeting: Ev Abbott, Eileen Adams, Ursula Aebersold, Mary Barnes, Denise Bowler, Rollo Braham, Jonathan Carney, Suzanne Chalke, Ann Chambers, John Childs, Karen Clifford, Amanda Duke, Ged Gast, Natalie Gray, Peter Gregory, Sandra Hiatt, Kate Jones, Maria Keki, Sorrel Kinley, Katherine Knowles, Sophie Leach, Liz Macfarlane, Oliver Meyer, Carla Mindel, Oliver Nicholson, Karen Palmer, Rachel Payne, Rebecca Robertson, Bob&Roberta Smith, Nicola Smith, Peter Smith, John Steers, Emma Thomas, Judy Thomas, Neil Walton, Carol Wild, Lucy Williams, Marlene Wylie

In Attendance: Frances Bailey, Honey Dearsley, Sadia Habib, Sarah Henderson, Trevor Horsewood, Jo Plimmer, Marc Smith, Vicky Sturrs, Douglas Sunday, Dominic Wilcox, Alice Williams

Thirty-eight NSEAD members attended the meeting and thus the presence of a quorum was confirmed – register appended to the minutes.

NSEAD staff in attendance: Sophie Leach and Anne Ingall.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr James Hall, Alastair Laing, Carol Cattley, Paul Carney, Susan Coles, Professor Richard Hickman

2/16 PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President of the Society, Ged Gast, welcomed members to the 128th Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The President thanked members of Council and the Boards, for their time and energy, commenting that without their enthusiasm the Society would not exist. The President also thanked Lesley Butterworth, Sophie Leach, Anne Ingall, and Pat Burnell for their hard work and commitment to the Society.

3/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A motion to receive and approve as read the minutes (previously circulated to all members) of last Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the Birmingham and Midland Institute on Saturday 27 June 2015 was proposed by Oliver Nicholson, seconded by Liz Macfarlane, and approved 'nem con'.

4/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

5/16 GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The General Secretary, Lesley Butterworth offered a précis of the annual report.

The Annual Report has been available on the website since March alongside the proposed changes to the Constitution that we have made following discussions with Council to refresh part of the governance structures within the Society.

I hope you have been able to read them and found them of interest. I will give you some headlines. Just be mindful that the report covers the period of time between October 2014 and September 2015

What has been encouraging this year has been at its most pragmatic a continued modest uplift in membership which is not to be taken for granted at a time when members are facing reduction in hours and redundancy. And the very simple fact that with no external funding at all we are surviving on membership alone which gives us the autonomy we need to stand up for and alongside our members and supporters.

For the Society, 2014-15 was punctuated by the General Election, and armed with a companion pair, The NSEAD Survey 2014 and The Manifesto for Art Craft and Design Education we were able to challenge the effects of Coalition Government policies, and support our members to contact their MPs and using the content within the survey and the Manifesto showcase the tangible impact of policy alongside a strong message of advocacy. Post-election we began immediately to think ahead about how best to position the Society both internally and externally as both a provocateur and agent of change within the context of government policy and public awareness of the value of art craft and design education.

Alongside our fifth, largest and most comprehensive survey to date we announced two initiatives.

The first was NSEAD Policy Watch, a strategy describing how, when and why we will work and act upon government policies with a focus upon teacher workload and wellbeing, the fragmentation of Initial Teacher Education, lack of subject specific professional development, the implications of the EBacc in England and the depth, breadth, value and future of the subject.

The second initiative, announced at our AGM last year was our intent to devote time to an internal organisational review to ensure our governance, structure and formal planning are ambitious, strategic and fit for purpose for the next five years. From this work has emerged a five year plan to take us up to the next election, and a revised governance structure that has dismantled the three Boards of Council, Publications, Curriculum and Professional Development and put in their place NSEAD Forum, a group of nominated and elected

members who will meet face to face three times a year supported by a raft of time limited Specialist Interest Groups who will provide a rapid response to our chosen priorities.

The NSEAD Survey 2015-16 was begun in 2014 and is our largest and most comprehensive to date. One of the most significant pieces of work to have ever been undertaken by the Society, the survey puts into plain sight how government policy in England has impacted on art craft and design education in the last five years. It gives us hard evidence to keep the current government accountable on behalf of our members and supporters.

The time and energy needed to work through the process of designing, managing, reporting on and disseminating such a piece of work is immense. Led by Sophie Leach many members willingly supported this process, special thanks to Dr Emese Hall, Jeff and Jenny Evans, Rachel Payne and of course all the Board and Council members who gave time to read and comment and disseminate this part of our work.

We were delighted that Sharon Hodgson MP for Washington and Sunderland West was able and willing to reconvene the All Party Parliamentary Group for Art Craft and Design Education after the General Election when all APPGs are dissolved. The APPG continues to meet three times a year and thank you for Susan Coles for co-ordinating it on behalf of the Society.

The IJADE Editorial Board was refreshed this year and continues with Professor Jeff Adams at the helm, joined by Dr Peter Gregory as a new member of the team. It's to the credit and diligence of the iJADE Board that the journal continues to grow, with a renewal rate of 97% and an increase in full text downloads.

AD Magazine continues to flourish under the editorship of Sophie Leach and we always welcome your contributions as members.

The International Encyclopaedia for Art and Design Education is progressing very well with Professor Richard Hickman as Editor in Chief.

The work of the members of the three outgoing Boards of Council has been stellar in supporting us with responses to consultations, creating resources and identifying and advising us on opportunities. Thank you to all of our members who have given us time and expertise and especially the chairs of each board, Dr Peter Gregory, Liz Macfarlane and Dr James Hall.

Thank you to our wonderful Council who have given extra time to us this year not only looking at our governance but also refreshing our mission, values and vision as we move towards building a new website and reinvigorating and better articulating who and what we are and how we do it to a rapidly changing and challenging outside world.

Thank you to our Vice Presidents Rachel Payne and Marlene Wylie, our Honorary Treasurer John Childs, our President-Elect Dr Peter Gregory and our President Ged Gast. And of course thank you to the NSEAD team Sophie Leach, Pat Burnell and Anne Ingall for all your hard work on behalf of our members and our subject.

A motion to receive and approve the report of the General Secretary was proposed by Maria Keki, seconded by Dr Sandra Hiatt, and approved 'nem con'.

6/16 HONORARY TREASURER REPORT 2014-15

The Honorary Treasurer John Childs offered a précis of his annual report

I am pleased to say that in the financial year 2014-2015 the society has continued to make significant but steady headway with its financial position so that we finish the year with a reasonable reserve which will enable us to begin to look at future investment such as the replacement of the existing website.

In particular this is due to the hard work that both Lesley our General Secretary and Anne Ingall in the NSEAD office have put into ensuring that our finances remain stable and that we maximise the full potential of our assets, particularly our spare office and storage space in Corsham. Lesley has also worked hard on applications for grants and project funds from various trusts and these continue at a steady rate although the current climate of spending cuts continues to place increased pressure and increased applications to those charitable trusts that support the arts, making it more difficult to be successful in obtaining these. The forward projections made by the society continue to be consistent, and the structures in place showing quarterly figures allow the General Secretary to manage the finances as accurately as possible. Quarterly accounts are copied to the Finances and General Purposes Committee, Council, Unity Bank and H W Fisher and Company for scrutiny, the latter being extremely helpful with advice.

The positive end to the year means that we can be more confident in the way in which we view the future, although as always additional finance would enable us to push forward on projects that would further benefit our members. However I would remind members that our principal source of income is from our membership subscriptions, so that the maintenance and recruitment and maintenance of our membership is an ongoing and essential task and one which I would ask all members to be active in pursuing. We are the only professional body, trade union and learned society for teachers and lecturers of Art Craft and Design Education in the country so please make this the year that YOU recruit at least one new member.

A motion to receive and approve the report of the Honorary Treasurer for the year ending 30th September 2015 was proposed by Liz Macfarlane, seconded by Natalie Gray and approved 'nem con'.

7/16 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS 2014-2015

The President reminded those present that the report of the auditors had been published and circulated to all members previously. The auditors, H W Fisher & Co, had stated that in their opinion the accounts gave a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 30th September 2015 and its transactions for the year then ended.

A motion to receive and approve the Report of the Auditors for the financial year 2014-2015 was proposed by Dr Sandra Hiatt, seconded by Natalie Gray, and approved 'nem con'.

8/16 TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The President introduced the amends to the Constitution and Rules.

- After discussion with Council it was agreed that three Boards of Council were less efficient in terms of best harnessing the expertise and time of members nominated to those Boards

- It was agreed that teleconferencing, introduced for financial constraints was not an ideal way of generating debate and enabling decision making to take place
- It was agreed that the Board titles (Publications, Professional Development and Curriculum) had become a restraint and did not best reflect the work of the Society as a subject association, learned society and trade union
- It is therefore proposed to dismantle the Boards and roll them into one NSEAD Forum meeting face to face three times a year and communicating in-between meetings through Specialist Interest or rapid response groups

These amends affect the following sections of the Constitution
4.2, 4.5, 4.18, 10, Appendix Three.

There are other minor amends:-

Title and Location. The removal of the words *'incorporating A4 formerly the Association of Advisers and Inspectors in Art and Design'* from 1.1 to 1.2.

Officers of the Society The addition of the words *'Assistant General Secretary'* to 4.6

Patron of the Society. The addition of the words *'Patrons may, through mutual agreement be asked to represent and best serve the views and objectives of the Society through their profile and access to media opportunities'* to 4.8

Full Members The addition of the words *'Full members shall have access to the legal advice and aid described in Appendix 1'* to 5. 4

Student Teacher Members The addition of the words *'Student members shall have access to the legal advice and aid described in Appendix 1'* to 5.7

Life Members the removal of the words *IJADE* from 5.8.2

Allocation to a District or Region Change of the words *'District and Region'* to *'Nation or Region'* in 5.11

Change of the words *'All members are allocated to a Society District or Region, normally to the District or Region in which they are resident. They may however be attached to a District or Region of their choice if they apply to the General Secretary of the Society.'* to *'All members are allocated to a nation or region normally to the nation or region in which they are resident.'* In 5.11

Annual Subscriptions Change of the words *'separate copies of IJADE'* to *'AD Magazine'* and the word *'journal'* to *'publication'* in 5.13

Tenure of Finances and General Purposes Committee Change the words *'two years'* to *'three years'* in 7.4

Districts and Regions Change of words *'Districts'* and *'Regions'* to *'Nations'* and *'Regions'* throughout 11.

A motion to approve the amends to the Constitution and Rules was proposed by Liz Macfarlane, seconded by Carol Wild and approved 'nem con'.

8/16 TO AWARD A FELLOWSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

The President asked those members present to celebrate the award of Fellowship of the Society to Bob&Roberta Smith.

10/16 TO RE-APPOINT AUDITORS OF THE SOCIETY 2015-16

It was recommended that H.W. Fisher & Co be re-appointed as the Society's auditors for the financial year 2014-15

A motion to appoint H.W Fisher & Co as the Society's auditors for the financial year 2015-2016 was proposed by Dr John Steers, seconded by Natalie Gray and approved 'nem con'.

11/16 CONCLUDING REMARKS

The President, Ged Gast, reminded members that notice of any motion relative to the Constitution or of any other business must be delivered in writing to the General Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. As no further business had been advised, the President thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 13.50 pm.

Date and place of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society: To be determined.



Thursday 23 June 2016

Lesley Butterworth
General Secretary