



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION IN ART AND DESIGN HELD AT THE
BIRMINGHAM & MIDLAND INSTITUTE, MARGARET STREET, BIRMINGHAM B3 3BS ON
SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2015, COMMENCING AT 13.30 pm**

In the Chair, Ged Gast, President of the Society

1/15 ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Society attended the meeting: Lindsey Bennett, Rollo Braham, Elinor Brass, Patricia Brown, Peter Carr, John Childs, Louise Clazey, Mo Coad, Susan Coles, Ros Corser, Amanda Duke, Jean Dyson, Rosalyn Edenbrow, Jean Edwards, Emily Finn, Dan Firth-Powell, Beth Fisher, Joanna Fursman, Ged Gast, Meghan Goodeve, Peter Gregory, Michele Gregson, Emese Hall, Hannah Hames, Debbie Hepplestone, Richard Hickman, Simon Huson, Sally Johnson, Maria Keki, Jake King, Katherine Knowles, Liz Macfarlane, Georgia Naish, Toshio Naoe, Oliver Nicholson, Emma Oliver, Rachel Payne, Jessica Podmore, Rebecca Robertson, Carl Seebode, Christina Stavrinides, John Steers, Vicky Sturrs, Simon Taylor, Elena Thomas, Emma Thomas, Katrin Whitehouse,

Forty-seven 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.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr James Hall, Alastair Laing, Maryann Flanagan

2/15 PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President of the Society, Ged Gast, welcomed members to the 127th 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, Pat Burnell for their hard work and commitment to the Society.

3/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A motion to receive and approve as read the minutes (previously circulated to all members) of the last Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, South Shore Road, Gateshead NE8 3BA on Saturday, 22nd March 2014 was proposed by Maria Keki, seconded by Liz McFarlane, and approved 'nem con'.

4/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

5/15 GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The Annual Report has been on our website since January 2015 and has been sent out to all AGM attendees, so I am hoping you have had time to read it. I will just give you some headlines.

We've created resources, run professional development programmes, responded to government consultations, sat on expert groups, working groups and roundtables, and travelled throughout the UK to talk and listen to members, support them in the workplace and meet emerging teachers on PGCE courses. That's business as usual, that's what we do.

Two major pieces of work during 2013-14 thriving on and defined by consultation with members have been our Educators Survey and Manifesto for Art Craft and Design Education.

The findings of the Educators Survey were unsurprising and welcome, pointing to a lack of value in and diminishing time for our subject and its professional development. Led by Sophie Leach I'd like to thank Dr James Hall, Rachel Payne and Jenny and Jeff Evans for all the time and expertise given to the conclusion of this area of work.

Pre-empting the General Election the NSEAD Manifesto for Art Craft and Design Education presented seven evidence based policy proposals and was signed by members and supporters to include galleries and organisations from across the cultural sector. Seen in tandem with the Survey the Manifesto made the case for support for our subject.

Guided by the Publications Board we have successfully concluded discussions with Wiley Blackwell Boston to develop the International Encyclopaedia for Art and Design Education which will sit alongside the virtual shelf as a companion to iJADE. I'm delighted to welcome Professor Richard Hickman as Principal Editor of the Encyclopaedia and look forward to it coming to fruition under his leadership.

iJADE continues under the leadership of Professor Jeff Adams and his Editorial Board and it's to their credit and diligence that iJADE continues to grow so significantly on a global stage.

Thank you to all members of the Publications Board for advising also on our growing visibility through social media, the E-Bulletin and of course AD Magazine which goes from strength to strength under the Editorship of Sophie Leach.

Thank you to Dr James Hall for Chairing the Publications Board

Guided by the Curriculum Board we published The Framework for Progression, Planning for learning, Assessment, Recording and Reporting on our website led by Ged Gast and Dan China and this has been exceptionally well received by our community and is downloading like the proverbial hot cakes. The alternative national curriculum for art and design that pops up stealthily behind the DfE version on our website has been much used and valued.

Thank you to Liz McFarlane for chairing the Curriculum Board

Guided by the Professional Development Board we participated in a national programme of primary workshops supported by Pearson's, thank you to Dr Peter Gregory for leading on that. We ran a project funded by the Ernest Cook Foundation called Walking as Artists, thank you to Susan Coles and Traci Cain for running that project, we ran a series of workshops with contemporary makers led by Penny Jones and funded by the Arts Council we ran a national programme to support middle leaders again facilitated by Susan Coles.

Thank you to Dr Peter Gregory for chairing the Professional Development Board
On an international platform Dr Peter Gregory is now InSEA World Council Regional Representative for Europe and Susan Coles joined NSEAD members Alex Ashton and Adrian Montana at the InSEA World congress in Melbourne in 2014.

On a lobbying front the All Party Parliamentary Group for Art Craft and Design Education met and triggered debate and questions in the House of Lords. Thank you to Susan Coles for developing this and you will be glad to know just a few weeks post GE15 it has been successfully reconvened.

Thank you to all our active and intrepid members on our Boards and Council. Thank you to our Vice Presidents Dr Peter Gregory and Marlene Wylie, our Honorary Treasurer John Childs, our Immediate Past President Susan Coles and our President Ged Gast.
And thank you to the NSEAD team, Sophie Leach, Anne Ingall and Pat Burnell for making it all happen.

A motion to receive and approve the report of the General Secretary was proposed by Oliver Nicholson, seconded by Dr John Steers, and approved 'nem con'.

6/15 HONORARY TREASURER REPORT 2013-14

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

The past year has continued to be difficult but has shown a more positive conclusion to our finances than the previous few; however the reliance on membership subscriptions as our principal source of income continues to provide a financial challenge for the Society, particularly as both government contracts and funding streams for professional development continue to be non-existent. At the same time this has placed increased pressure and increased applications to those charitable trusts that support the arts, making it more difficult to be successful in obtaining these.

The adjustments made in the preceding years to both staffing and operational costs have continued with the sale of the van, the leasing of three areas of our headquarters building and the reduction in our bookshop stock and activities, which coupled with our continued watchful eye and frugality has meant that our finances are no longer in the precarious state they were.

The forward projections made by the Society continue to be consistent, and 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 Trust and H W Fisher and Company for scrutiny, the latter being extremely helpful with advice. Particular thanks are due to Anne Ingall, our finance manager and to Lesley Butterworth who have worked tirelessly in monitoring and safeguarding our financial position.

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. The maintenance and enlargement of our membership is an ongoing task and one which I would ask all members to be active in pursuing.

A motion to receive and approve the report of the Honorary Treasurer for the year ending 30th September 2014 was proposed by Emma Thomas, seconded by Dr Sandra Hiatt and approved 'nem con'.

7/15 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS 2010-2011

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 2014 and its transactions for the year then ended.

A motion to receive and approve the Report of the Auditors for the financial year 2013-2014 was proposed by Liz Macfarlane, seconded by Rachel Payne, and approved 'nem con'.

8/15 TO AWARD A FELLOWSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

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

9/15 TO RE-APPOINT AUDITORS OF THE SOCIETY 2014-15

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 2013-2014 was proposed by Emma Thomas, seconded by Pat Brown and approved 'nem con'.

10/15 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.



Lesley Butterworth
General Secretary

Wednesday 8 July 2015