

## **Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of the LARP Society**

### **16th September 2016 15:15, during the LARPSOC conference at Stockton House Wiltshire**

Attendees: Sarah Blagden (Honorary Treasurer), Cécile Bousquet-Antonelli (Honorary Secretary), Maria (Sasi) Conte (Honorary Vice-President), Utz Fisher (Honorary President), Helen Davies (minutes)

Hiba Al-Ashtal, Emily Baldwin, Mark Bayfield, Andrea Berman, John Brogie, James Chettle, Isabel Cruz-Gallardo, Jean-Marc Deragon, Anne-Catherine Dock-Bregeon, Bruno Fonseca, Rupert Fray, Steve Hanes, Jack Keene, Roni Lahr, Sandy Mattijssen, Gunter Meister, Larry Schwartz, Shailaja Seetharaman, Ewan Smith, Piotr Stepień, Jennifer Thomas, Hong XU

#### **1. Formal approval of the minutes of the 6th LARPSOC AGM (Annex 1)**

Mark Bayfield proposed that the minutes be formally approved. All approved.

#### **2. Reports and accounts (Annex 2)**

The annual accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Sarah Blagden reported that income from registration fees and sponsorship for the year had totalled £18,272.88 and expenditure for the reporting period was £14,402.18. As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, the Society's bank account held £22,263.85 however there are still a number of conference expenses to be paid and it is expected that following payment of these the bank account will hold around £7,000, which will be carried forward to the 2018 conference. The accounts were formally accepted.

*Action: SB to submit annual report and accounts to UK Charity commission*

#### **3. Formal election of the LARPSOC Committee positions**

Utz FISCHER (University of Würzburg) was formally re-elected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President and will not be eligible for re-election in 2 years' time

Sasi Conte (King's College, London) was formally re-elected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Vice-President and will not be eligible for re-election in 2 years' time

Sarah BLAGDEN; University of Oxford was formally re-elected for a further term as Honorary Treasurer

Cécile BOUSQUET-ANTONELLI (University of Perpignan) resigned as Honorary Secretary. Mark Bayfield was proposed as the Honorary Secretary and was formally approved by attendees.

Mark Bayfield (York University, Canada) resigned as the website representative. Utz Fischer will approach a member of his research team to become website representative.

Sandy Matjissen (NICHD, Bethesda) was formally re-elected as a Postdoc representative. James Chettle (Oxford University, UK) was formally proposed and elected as an additional Postdoc representative.

Roni Lahr (University of Pittsburgh) resigned as PhD student representative. Jyotsna Vinayak (York University, Canada) was re-elected as PhD student representative. Hiba Al-Ashtal and Jennifer Thomas were proposed and formally elected as additional PhD student representatives.

*Action: website to be updated with new committee positions*

#### **4. Formal approval of Helen Davies as a Trustee of the Society for bank account management purposes**

Helen Davies explained that in order to adhere to the Society's constitutional regulations, the person managing the bank account should be a Trustee and Trustees should not receive any formal payment for work conducted on behalf of the Society other than reimbursement of approved expenses. Helen has agreed to act in a voluntary capacity managing the Society's bank account. It was agreed that Helen Davies should be formally approved as a Trustee.

*Action: Website and Charity commission to be updated with details*

#### **5. 2018 LARPSOC meeting**

It was proposed that the next biennial meeting of the LARP Society be held in Würzburg, Germany in 2018 with Utz Fischer as the local organiser. This proposal was approved. Discussion arose around the timing of the meeting as it had originally taken place earlier in September. August was suggested but this would not be a good time for UK summer holidays. It was agreed that further discussion about the dates of the next meeting would take place by email outside the meeting.

It was proposed that Uta Boeger-Brown of BioMedEx be employed as conference organiser for 2018. This proposal was approved

#### **6. Any other business**

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 15:45. Next meeting will be held by Skype in September 2017.