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BASS Annual General Meeting
16 May 2012, Highgate House, Creaton, Northamptonshire
Notes from the meeting (prepared by Linda Ross)

Chair: Edward Bailey

Present: 28 attendees

BASS Executive members present:

Linda Ross, Edward Bailey, Cheryl Hunt, Margaret Holloway, Arthur Hawes, Wilf McSherry, Peter Gilbert, Janice Clarke

Apologies:

BASS Executive members: Josie Gregory, John Swinton, Martin Aaron

Item	Action
The meeting was formally opened with 28 attendees present, including the Executive members named above. Permission was obtained to proceed without proxy forms.	
<u>Accounts</u> The accounts were prepared by Martin Aaron and delivered by Arthur Hawes. The Committee would formally like to thank Martin for preparing the accounts. The account balance for the year ending March 2012 was £19362.05. £16203.37 will be deducted in the new financial year for conference expenditure. The accounts were approved.	
Margaret Holloway gave a synopsis of the establishment of BASS for the benefit of those who were new to it.	
Cheryl Hunt gave a summary of the establishment of the Journal for the Study of Spirituality.	

	Arthur Hawes gave an overview of the 2 conferences.	
	<p><u>The President's and Trustees Report</u> on the Charity's activities for the year up to 31 March 2012.</p> <p>There is a wide range of geographical representation on the Executive which has met 7 times since BASS's inception. Executive members have covered their own expenses.</p> <p>The website has taken a long time to set up.</p> <p>We aim to foster the study of spirituality in its broadest sense (conference, journal, PhD student group, membership, journal subscription).</p> <p>The Report was approved.</p>	
	<p><u>PhD student report</u> by Kim Elliott</p> <p>A meeting was held for PhD students chaired by Kim Elliott. Twenty students attended. They would welcome the following: a sense of connection, encouragement and belonging through the website and conferences; a place to exchange ideas about topics, the process of being a student, spirituality references, methodologies that work for spirituality, potential examiners; information about spirituality conferences, funding for studentships, travel, conference fees, intellectual property rights, supervision issues, publishing, post-doc work in spirituality, networking opportunities.</p> <p>Peter Gilbert suggested a 'map' of where people are located.</p> <p>Margaret Holloway talked about the need for special interest groups.</p>	
	Approval of appointment of President of BASS, Edward Bailey.	
	Approval of appointment of the two Vice Presidents, Arthur Hawes & Wilf McSherry.	
	Approval of appointment of Honorary Treasurer, Martin Aaron	
	Approval of appointment of Honorary Secretary, Linda Ross	
	Appointment of Examining Accountant. It was approved that we should have one but the person who will fulfil this role has yet to be identified.	

	<p>Appointment of 5 other Executive members was approved: Margaret Holloway, John Swinton, Cheryl Hunt, Janice Clarke, Peter Gilbert.</p> <p>There is space for 2 more nominations.</p>	
	<p>Larry Culliford asked how many members there are in BASS which is around 60. As 6 Council members were present this was accepted as quorate.</p>	
	<p>We will have an AGM in a year's time when new appointments will be made.</p> <p>The meeting was formally closed by Edward Bailey.</p>	