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**BASS Annual General Meeting**  
**21 May 2014, Ashridge House, Berkhamsted**  
**Notes from the meeting (prepared by Linda Ross)**

Chair: Edward Bailey

BASS Executive members present:

Linda Ross, Edward Bailey, Arthur Hawes, Martin Aaron, Wilf McSherry, Chris Cook, Cheryl Hunt, David Rousseau, John Swinton, Janice Clarke

Numerous BASS members attended.

Apologies:

BASS Executive members: Josie Gregory

BASS members: Philip Selbie

Item		Action
	<b><u>Approval of notes from last AGM</u></b> The notes from the AGM 2013 were approved by all present. There were no matters arising.	All
	<b><u>Accounts</u></b> The accounts were circulated in advance and show a balance of £6286 as of 31 March 2014.  Martin Aaron explained that the proximity of the end of year accounts and the conference makes it difficult to give an account balance.  The accounts were approved. Proposed by Martin Aaron. Seconded by David Rousseau. Vote approved. 1 Abstention.	
	<b><u>Membership</u></b> Margaret Holloway, who did not have the report to hand, asked about the membership status. As stated on the report there were 103 members as of 1 April 2013.	

	<p><b><u>Reports of the President and Executive.</u></b></p> <p>These was circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Cheryl Hunt gave a verbal synopsis of her written report regarding the Journal.</p> <p>Arthur Hawes gave a synopsis of the establishment of the website. We are extremely grateful to our webmaster Charidimos Koutris for all his hard work in developing and maintaining the website.</p> <p>Edward Bailey expressed his thanks to the Executive for all their hard work and commitment over the last year.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Elections</u></b></p> <p>The following were elected to the Executive:  Dr Janice Clarke; Dr Josie Gregory; Professor John Swinton;  Dr David Rousseau.</p>	
	<p><b><u>BASS IV Conference</u></b></p> <p><u>Venue:</u>  Appreciation was expressed for the conference organisation and venue. Attendees were invited to consider the venue for the next BASS conference keeping in mind the balance of nice venue against cost and also being located near to major airports.</p> <p><u>Theme:</u>  The possible theme of 'Spirituality and the arts' was suggested, but concern was expressed that this might be restrictive. 'Gentle spirituality' was also suggested.</p> <p><u>Other comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The parallel session rooms were quite small and not easily accessed by those with mobility problems.</li> <li>- The number of parallel sessions running concurrently meant that numbers attending some were very small. Suggestions included: cutting down the number of sessions running concurrently; film sessions; poster sessions.</li> <li>- Might we cut down the number of keynote sessions whilst still retaining the breadth of disciplines.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Larry Culliford asked if the AGM will be held on a non-conference year. This was confirmed.</p> <p>No other items arising.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 09.50.</p>	