



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019, University of Liverpool

1. Apologies:

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2018 meeting were circulated and approved.

3. Matters arising – none

4. Elections to and retirements from the Steering Committee: Shanina Farid appointed to Committee representing BIAA.

Call for elected members to Steering Committee – this has fallen out of use in last few years. No one volunteered at this AGM – a call will be circulated ahead of the next AGM.

Decision made to extend SC membership (beyond the cap of 18 members stated in the constitution, in light of BANE being more inclusive and resilient as a discipline)

Yagmur Heffron will be on maternity leave from Aug 2018.

5. Chairs report: News from the Steering Committee

a) Thanks extended to Douglas Baird at Liverpool team for a successful conference. Around 150 delegates. Special thanks to the student helpers.

b) A Steering Committee subgroup will review and update the BANE constitution.

c) The Steering Committee are now meeting virtually between annual meetings. First meeting held in Oct 2018

d) BANE is committed to encouraging broader engagement in Near Eastern archaeology. School teachers were offered free places to Liverpool conference and the film session was open to the public. Members are working on 6<sup>th</sup> form days. A reminder to all to feature NE archaeology in local university outreach events, and to keep the discipline in the news and public eye.

e) Publications – a call for publications in the BANE series.

6. Membership Secretary and Treasurer's report, year ending 31 Dec 2018

**BANE membership:** 350 at Dec 2018. (392 at DEC 2017, 384 at Dec 2016, 291 in 2015; 254 in 2014; 253 in 2013; 246 in 2012). 188 members pay by standing order (196IN 2017; 188 in 2016; 160 in 2015; 150 in 2014).

**The breakdown of membership at December 2018 was:** TOTAL 350

LCANE 270 – includes 34 students (2017: 279; 2016: 273; 2015: 254; 2014: 215; 2013: 213; 2012: 210)

NW 24 – includes 10 students (2017: 25; 2016: 24; 2015: 17; 2014: 17; 2013: 18; 2012: 15; 2011: 14)

NE 38 – includes 22 students (2017: 43; 2016: 41; 2015: 35; 2014: 19; 2013: 19; 2012: 18; 2011: 12)

BANE overseas members – 18 (includes 8 students)

**Grants**

Grants for attendance at the 2018 Durham Conference: £1552

(2017: 1089; 2016: 1089; 2015: £1323; 2014: 416.70; 2013: £1169; 2012: £852; 2011: £1543).

**BANE Accounts for 2018**

**Income**

Membership £1743

Durham Conference £ 582

**TOTAL INCOME £2325**

**Expenditure**

Grants **EXPENDITURE £1552**

**INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE £ 773**

**BANE Opening balance £10,666 Closing balance £11,439**

2017: £ 10666; 2016: £4859; 2015: £8406; 2014: £5830; 2013: £4088; 2012: £4390; 2011: £4316; 2010: £3921; 2009: £5403; 2008: £5575; 2007: £6490; 2006: £6219; 2005: £6725; 2004: £6212.

Reserve to meet potential shortfall in 2018 conference accounts £1600.

Reserve to meet publication costs c.£1000

Reserve to meet grant allocation 2019 conference: £487.50

Due from London Centre as membership subvention £800 for 2018.

NOTE: New members in January/Feb 2019 for conference attendance 33, early Feb 2019

7. BANEA Social Media Report

**BANEA Facebook page** followers (24.02.19) 16,677 (2018: 15,387; 15,387; 2016: 10,463; 2015: 6038; 2014: 3825). 2,974 in Modern Middle East; 2,895 USA; 1,501 UK; 56% under 44yrs. The page is maintained by Emma Cunliffe and Neil Erskine.

**BANEA Twitter account** [@2019Banea](#) : 387 followers (account maintained by Neil Erskine)

**Website** The website is live at /banealcane.org. No statistics available. Updates have been made to bring site up to date and further updates to follow

8. Future Conferences:

BANEA 2020, Oxford 7-9 Jan, to be held jointly between St. John's College and the Ashmolean Museum – Theme – discourses; panel discussions at plenary; public engagement event.

BANEA 2021, Bournemouth University.

9. Any other business: None.