

THE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS HISTORY SOCIETY (ADHS)

General Meeting

24 June 2017

ADHS Biennial International Conference

Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 1pm

I. Welcome

Attending: Tricia Barron Virginia Berridge, Gemma Blok, Isaac Campos, David Courtwright, Tim Hickman, David Korostyshevsky, Dan Malleck, Amy Mittelman, James Nicholls, Lucas Richert, William Rorabaugh, Iain Smith, Stephen Snelders, Hasso Spode, Suzanne Taylor.

II. Apologies

Alex Mold, Noelle Plack

III. President's Report

Virginia provided a brief overview of the President's report including the membership base, subcommittees (website, constitution, journal), journal and future conferences. Dan will be stepping down from editing the journal, and Virginia thanked Dan for all his hard work. The new constitution was put forward to the GM for approval under point VII.

IV. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Virginia summarized Noelle's Secretary-Treasurer's report including administration support, finances and membership. There has been an uptake in membership: 2011: 45, 2013: 77, 2015: 103, 2017: 158. It was suggested that Virginia ask attendees to join during her Presidential speech.

V. Website & Social Media Report

Virginia summarized the report including the need for modernization and better integration with Points. This sub-committee met yesterday to

discuss ways forward, including ways of integrating structure and approach with the Points blog, and increasing European correspondence to Points. Gemma Blok had been appointed European link.

Action: The subgroup will continue to liaise to further develop the website and social media, and European correspondence. Sue will set up a Facebook page for the Society.

VI. Editor-in-Chief's Report

Dan provided an update on the journal, SHAD. Two volumes were completed on Tuesday with six articles in each. The Journal is therefore now available online up to 2016. The next volume will be a special issue on gender and the drug war with guest editors Nancy Campbell and David Herzberg. Dan asked that those presenting at the conference submit papers or suggest good papers from the conference for future articles for the Journal.

Dan noted the issue of the Journal's ranking and impact factor as a potential problem for submissions but noted the need to nurture new scholars and the role of the Society and Journal in building and expanding the field.

VII. ADHS Constitution

As the governing articles of the ADHS were no longer deemed fit for purpose a subcommittee was established to review and draft a new constitution taking into account current patterns of activity, changes in communications, a larger membership and greater international co-operation, and to formalize terms of office. The proposed new constitution covers: the society; membership; officers; executive committee; the General Meeting; and constitution.

A major change is the suggestion for the President to hold office for four years covering two biennial conferences. The Vice President should be elected during this tenure and will then assume the President's role.

A final version of the new constitution had been circulated to members and Virginia asked for comments before ratification.

Questions were raised over the suggested length of the President's term. Was four years too long and would this make it difficult to find volunteers? Virginia argued that four years was a more suitable length of time to achieve goals. Since the VP is expected to be a President-in-waiting the VP would have time to get up to speed before taking over.

Questions were also raised over who was responsible for the organization of the Conferences. This should not necessarily be the role of the President but should be run by a local committee. The ex-President is expected to remain a member of the Executive Committee to provide advice.

It was agreed to add a note to the proposed constitution that: The Vice President must be elected at the General Meeting at the first conference of the President's term.

With this amendment the constitution was proposed, seconded and adopted.

VIII. Journal Developments & Editorship

Taylor Francis' proposed journal options had been circulated prior to the meeting. There are two options: Open Access or subscription. Concerns were raised over Open Access in the American context. Other formats mentioned included: Project Muse and Ingenta.

At the EC it was agreed that the Journal subcommittee would look in detail at the options with the aim of making a recommendation within six months.

A new editor is needed for SHAD and a new job description should be written for the new editor. An offer of interest has been expressed by Lucas Richert. Virginia re-iterated that a new job description is needed but noted that it was good to have an expression of interest.

Action: Write new job description and appoint new editor.

IX. AOB

Dan thanked Virginia for all her hard work.