

The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CSEAR COUNCIL
6 June 2017

1. Council Members Present:
Lorna Stevenson, John Ferguson, Carol Tilt, Ian Thomson, Giovanna Michelon, Jesse Dillard, Robin Roberts, Charles Cho and Massimo Contrafatto <i>Also present:</i> Lynn Christie
2. Apologies for Absence:
Matias Laine, Gunnar Rimmel, Carmen Correa
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes from the March meeting were approved.
4. Matters Arising from above minutes (not on main agenda)
There were no matters arising
5. ACSEAR 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership of CSEAR has not been built into this year's registration fee. Lynn will liaise with Naca about the contribution from ACSEAR 2017, and ensure that membership fees are built into the registration costs for 2018 onwards• An updated call for papers is now available for the conference and will be circulated and promoted widely.• Three more academics are required to help with the ESC and so volunteers have been requested. Carol is already helping out, Giovanna and Ian may be able to as Ian is at the Hong Kong conference immediately prior to ACSEAR 2017• The theme of the conference is around climate change and accountability. <p>Hall of Fame: the committee is happy for this to proceed and it will be 'launched' at the AGM. Carol will send through past names</p> <p>ACTION: Introduce Hall of Fame at AGM [CT, IT and LC]</p>
6. CSEAR 2017 and other forthcoming conferences
Lynn provided an update on the conference organisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be 28 ESC delegates and 12 bursaries have been awarded. There were 17 applications for the bursaries• Criteria for deciding how bursaries are awarded are needed for next year. This year we have 3 late submissions, 1 applicant received a bursary last year and 1 application was too short with no real story, so the decisions almost made themselves. However as the demand for bursaries grows, set decision criteria are required• Guest speakers and practitioners are in place and there have been 87 paper submissions <p>Robin requested that some space in bar in St Andrews be reserved one evening possibly. Lynn agreed to look into this possibility ACTION LC</p>

Charles asked for the possibility of our conference being moved forward to be around the IPA timings to be looked into. If this is not possible the could we consider holding a workshop during IPA. Ian agreed to ask the IPA organisers if this would be possible, as the chances of being able to move the St Andrews Conference dates are slim **ACTION IT**

Charles reported that the CSEAR France conference went very well and that Carlos was excellent as the guest speaker. The next CSEAR France will be in Paris in 2019

Ian is away to the 'non CSEAR' South America conference and will be spending 2 weeks in Sao Paolo afterwards so shall try and restart links back to CSEAR.

Ian has also been invited to Abu Dhabi by Robert Nyamora for an organisational sustainability event.

STANDING ITEMS

7. Financial Update

Council noted that finances were levelling and stabilising and the moment the accounts are in a relatively healthy state.

At present there is no indication of any dissatisfaction with CSEAR by the University of St Andrews, there have been no questions from the central office in the last two years.

8. Teaching Case Study Update

The call for submissions has been sent out and will be heavily advertised and pushed, as to date no submissions have been received and the deadline for submission if the 22 June.

ACTION: LC advertise widely

9. Building Research Capacity and Research Grants

To date no comments from Council members have been received. A reminder to all (separate to the action list) will be sent. This will also be included at the AGM so comments/feedback are vital. Massimo will circulate the proposal that he did for Bergamo as it will provide a structure for discussion. As this was discussed at last year's AGM an update will need to be given at the 2017 AGM

ACTIONS: MC to circulate document; All to feedback to MC

10. Website [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report

11. Outstanding Items relating to By – Laws [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report

12. SEAJ Update [Standing item]

- All is going well with submissions up by 15-20% and there has been an increase in quality also.
- The call for nominations for the next Co-Editor has been issued and there has been 1 expression of interest
- The ABS list is going through a revision but not much is expected to change
- The Council thanked all those involved in the Journal and commended their special issues

- When Carlos steps down as editor in December 2017 he will automatically become the convenor of the SEAJ Executive Editorial Board and thus will join Council
- Council asked if it would be possible to position ourselves relative tie CPA and AAJ. Giovanna and Robin agreed to look into this offline by reaching out to the CPA and AAAJ editors

13. Mentoring [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report

14. Vision/Mission/Values Statement [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report but the Council noted that this should be reviewed in the next 12 -18 months. As such this will be pencilled in as an item for the AGM during the conference. A board with post it notes will also be available at the conference for suggestions.

15. AOB

Charles is still convenor of the IA committee and a new group email list has been established.

Everyone has found the new platform for holding Council meetings much more user friendly but requested that the start time be set 15 minutes earlier than it actually is so that everyone is on time. This new platform will be used for all future meetings

Jesse requested that any ideas wrt mentoring be sent to him. **ACTION ALL**

26. Date of next meeting

During CSEAR 2017

Lynn Christie, July 2017