

Summary – NAMHE Committee Meeting 26 January 2013

Committee Business

Rachel Cowgill and Jan Smaczny have again been co-opted onto the Committee representing Wales and Northern Ireland respectively. Paul Rodmell has been co-opted as host of the 2013 Annual Conference at the University of Birmingham.

The Committee welcomed Pam Burnard (University of Cambridge), newly elected to the Committee. Michael Clarke, Peter Manning and Charles Wiffen were all re-elected for a second term.

Committee portfolios have been updated for 2013.

Matters arising from the last meeting

Advocacy – there was an extended discussion on the Committee's plans for an advocacy and recruitment film for HE Music. Advice is being sought from a marketing professional.

IMR training – Paul Archbold was asked to put forward proposals as to how NAMHE might help fund live screenings of IMR lectures for students outside London.

HEA projects – NAMHE will consider helping fund relevant projects run by the HEA.

REF assessors – Thomas Schmidt has nominated three research users as REF assessors.

Current Issues and Projects

- **NAMHE Chair** – the election of a new Chair was postponed. It was proposed that a new post of Vice Chair be created; this was approved, subject to the agreement of the membership at the AGM. Since the meeting, Rachel Cowgill has been elected as Chair and Helen Julia Minors as Vice Chair.
- **Open Access Sessions** – Thomas Schmidt had signed a letter sent to the Observer by the President of the Royal Historical Society and the Chair of A-HUG, expressing the general concerns of the Humanities about non-prose output.
- **Copyright** – Paul Archbold proposed that NAMHE host a joint conference on copyright with the IMR and there was wide support for this suggestion.
- **Music HE Recruitment** – the Committee welcomed the news that recruitment to Music was up for 2012 and it was agreed that NAMHE would publicise this via a press release and an article for Classical Music.

NAMHE Annual Conference 2013

This will take place at the Barber Institute, University of Birmingham on Tuesday 7 May. Plans for the structure of the day and invited speakers were discussed in detail.

There will be a student panel during the afternoon session. All member institutions are invited to nominate a student to attend conference free of charge. The Committee would like to have student representation and it is hoped that students attending conference will consider standing for election.

Meetings in 2012-13

Tuesday 7 May 2013 – Annual Conference
Saturday 8 June 2013