

Summary – NAMHE Committee Meeting 25 January 2014

Committee Business

- New members were welcomed and Committee Portfolios for 2014 agreed.
- Helen Julia Minors was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Rachel Cowgill continues her three year term as Chair.
- There was extended discussion on making the web site fit for purpose and encouraging more dialogue with the membership via social media. You can now follow NAMHE on Twitter at [@namhe_uk](https://twitter.com/namhe_uk)

Current Issues and Projects

- **Collaborations** –the Music Education Council (MEC) is keen to forge closer links with NAMHE. NAMHE is also working closely with Music Mark and the AQA. A joint conference with SCUDD, Dance HE and the HEA is planned for September 2014. This will explore a number of common issues, including educational practice and it is hoped to develop a network which will provide clout when responding to consultations. NAMHE is contributing funding to the conference.
- **Advocacy** – Rachel Cowgill has consulted heads of institutions and departments about the planned advocacy film for HE music. There have been lots of offers of help from colleagues. The video is to be made by a colleague of Miguel Mera, who will direct the film, with Rachel Cowgill as producer. Plans are well underway.
- **Facilitating Subjects** – there was a good response from the membership to the 16-19 consultation; an official response has been sent by NAMHE.
- **Bacc for the Future** - NAMHE has given official support to this campaign. The Committee has agreed to join forces with the ISM in a meeting with ministers.
- **HE Music and the ECU Gender Equality Mark** – NAMHE is in the process of recruiting a researcher to work on the gender balance project. An advertisement will be going out shortly and it is hoped that the successful candidate will start work by April.
- **Annual Conference** at Bath Spa on 6 May – the title has been finalised as *Learning Communities: Vision and Practice*. Speakers will be announced shortly.
- **Use of Copyright in Teaching** – NAMHE is to draw up some FAQs on the use of copyright music on institutions' VLEs.
- **Treasurer's Report** – it has been agreed that departments who fall more than one year in arrears with their subscriptions will be deemed to have left NAMHE. Although lapsed members will always be welcomed back, breaks in membership are strongly discouraged due to the adverse effect on the Association's finances.

Events attended by NAMHE

- Launch of Music Research Consortium UK (25 October) – Jan Smaczny

- British Academy Learned Societies and Subject Associations meeting (14 November) – Jan Smaczny

Meetings in 2013-14

The Committee will meet on Saturday 7 June, at the University of Birmingham. In 2014-15, the Committee will meet as usual in October, January and June, exact dates to be confirmed at the 7 June meeting.