

## BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES

Minutes of the Interim Executive Committee meeting held on Saturday, 19th June 1993 in Room C1, Birkbeck College, Market Street, London at 1.30 pm.

### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairs Business
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. BAIS Conference - Oxford
8. BAIS Newsletter - ISR
9. Working Party on Constitution - Report
10. Working Party in Electoral Procedures - Report
11. Any Other Business

### Present

B. Bell  
E. Burgess  
M. Carter  
G. Davis  
T. Dooley  
T. Downey  
M. Hickman  
J. McAuley  
J. O'Hara  
C. S. Richards  
N. Samuels  
V. Smith

### Apologies for Absence - Received from

S. Hutton  
J. Moore  
G. Watson  
J. Woodhurst

The following documents were tabled;

- i Report by Graham Davis, re; financial situation
- ii Outline of BAIS conference
- iii Constitution standing orders

Copies of these documents will be included with the minutes for all those members of the Executives who were not at the meeting.

## 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 15th May, 1993 were passed after Jim McAuley agreed to alter line 3 of item 1, Objectives to 'to inspire, and to combat lack of knowledge of Ireland'. With this alteration the minutes were passed and proposed by Graham Davis.

## 3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

## 4. Chairs Business

Graham reported on the meeting with Dominic Coyle, he was not hopeful of BAIS receiving funding from this source as it seemed likely to go to a Manchester based organisation.

As a result of the publicised awards from the soldiers and sailors funds to Liverpool and Oxford, Graham had written to Paul Murray at the Irish Embassy in Britain regarding allocation of funds (a copy has been sent to all the Executives).

Graham learnt that there had been a change of personnel in Dublin who were not yet as supportive of BAIS as previous personnel.

Once again concern was expressed about the need for consultation amongst officers and an affairs meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 30th June.

Maureen Carter suggested that a 'shopping list' for funding be put together by Sean, Graham and herself and discussed at the next Interim Executive Meeting. Jim McAuley identified that we had agreed that there should be another member of the fund raising group. There were no volunteers and it was agreed that absent members would be asked if they were interested in volunteering.

A number of avenues for fund raising were identified by Maureen, Bob and Val who will investigate further.

### Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing to report.

### Treasurer's Report

Graham Davis produced a short financial report (document i) arising from this was a discussion about maintaining an office. This issue was deferred to be discussed when Sean Hutton was available.

There was also a discussion about all the issues on the report. Val agreed to find out whether new legislation still required that the Association employ external auditors. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of changing banks.

In relation to Irish Literary Supplement, it was agreed that this should continue to be supplied to members.

As Jim O'Hara is now the treasurer Graham agreed to hand over the documentation he needed to carry out this role.

### BAIS Conference - Oxford

An officers meeting preceding this executive meeting had discussed this topic in depth. Eleanor Burgess agreed to step in if a speaker did not turn up.

There was general consensus that lunch should be provided on the Sunday and that a number of changes in timings should be made to the programme.

### BAIS Newsletter - ISR

In future ISR is likely to be published 3-4 times a year. It was agreed that BAIS would continue to supply all issues to members but that a newsletter would not necessarily be sent with every issue.

### Working Party on the Constitution & Electoral Procedures/Report

A new constitution and standing orders had been drafted by the working party. The executive went through the draft constitution line by line and suggested a number of amendments which were submitted to the working party.

### Any Other Business

Jim McAuley proposed a vote of thanks to the working party on the constitution and electoral procedures. and this was passed.

It was suggested that BAIS became involved in the TCD Dining Club celebrations.