

British Association for Irish Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the new Interim Executive Committee, held on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th September 1993, at Mansfield College, Oxford.

Agenda discussed.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chair's business: BAIS
5. Report from Interim Funding Group
6. Proposed Education Sub-committee in the new Constitution of BAIS
7. The future of the Office
8. Schedule for BAIS elections
9. AOB

Present: J. McAuley, N. Sammells, V. Smith, T. Dooley, B. Bell, E. Burgess, E. Hughes, T. Downey, S. Hutton G. Davis, S. Hutton, J. O'Hara, M.Carter, M.Hickman, S.Richards.

It was agreed that an addition item of conference arrangements be taken on the agenda as item 4.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the following:
J.Moore, N.Danaher, G. Watson

2. Minutes of last meeting

3. Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

4. Conference Arrangements

Jim McAuley raised the issue of several members he had spoken to recently being unaware that the conference was taking place and wondered if there was a problem with our mailing list. Tony also said that there may have been problems with the mailing at St. Philips College. Jim O'Hara was concerned that not all speakers were aware that they had to pay the full conference fee. These matters to be dealt with by conference organisers.

*** Action: Maureen Carter & Tony Downey ***

Maureen circulated a final programme for the conference.

5. (previously item 4) Chairs business

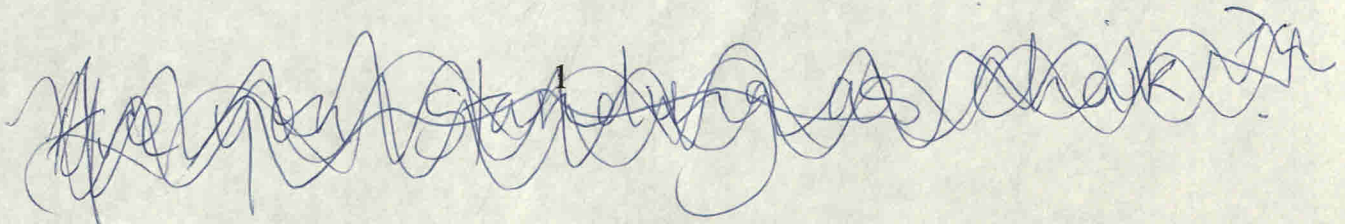
The Irish Government had now 'earmarked' £IR 21,000 for BAIS. A letter had been sent to the Irish Embassy in London thanking them for support. The Chair had been sent a request

6. (previously item 5) Report from Interim Funding Group

7. (previously item 6) Proposed Education Sub-committee in the new Constitution of BAIS

Proposed Education Sub-committee in the new Constitution of BAIS

The group had met on 23/6/93. One main point which had arisen was the notion that now other major institutions were in place the BAIS should be targeting schools and compulsory education to a greater extent. This was supported strongly by those present and was to be raised again at the next Executive meeting.



8. (previously item 7) The future of the Office

It was agreed to postpone the decision on the future of the office until after the elections.

9. (previously item 8) Schedule for BAIS elections

Due to administrative difficulties the schedule proposed at the officers meeting in June 1993 had not been adhered to. Jim McAuley, Seán Hutton and Val Smith drew up a new timetable. The timetable was agreed as follows:

Renewal notice and Constitution, out by:	24th September 1993
To be returned:	18th October
Call for nominations sent out (week beginning):	25th October
To be returned:	8th November
Ballot papers issued:	15th November
Ballot papers returned:	6th December
Results announced:	13th December
Annual General Meeting:	22nd January 1994

Jim McAuley, Seán Hutton and Val Smith also drew up a draft letter to be sent with renewal notices.

10. AOB (previously item 9)

There was a ballot on the acceptance of the new constitution. The result was:

For	10
Against	Nil
Abstentions	2

There was a ballot on the acceptance of the STV voting system for the election. The result was:

For	10
Against	Nil
Abstentions	2

A copy of the draft letter to be circulated with renewal forms was submitted. Various alterations were suggested. It was agreed that this letter be issued with the changes suggested.

Minutes taken by J. McAuley

Agreed as a true record:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Chairperson's signature:

The next meeting of the Interim Executive will be held on Saturday 6th November 1993, at Birkbeck College, London.