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ALT Membership Development Committee

Minutes from the meeting held on 22 October 2014

1: Welcome, attendance and apologies

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting of the committee.

Present: Sarah Sherman, Tom Franklin, Fawei Geng, Kerr Gardiner, Amanda Jefferies, John Traxler, Julie Voce, James McDowell

Liz Wyatt (ALT)

Guest: Richard McCracken (The Case Centre)

Apologies from: Sarah Horrigan, Alistair Clark, Yetunde Folajimi, Simon Kear, Matthew Newcombe

2: Any other business

The committee added discussions of Research Activities and Organisational Membership Representatives to the agenda, see item 12.

3: Announcements

The committee joined in welcoming Sarah Sherman as the new chair of the Membership Development Committee.

4: Minutes from 5 June 2014

Outstanding actions:

Action 6.3: JV and KG to discuss with LW which recommendations to take forward from the SIG working groups report findings written by Kerr Gardiner and Julie Voce.

The minutes from the last committee meeting were approved by the committee as accurate with any outstanding actions covered on this agenda.

5: Membership report

Liz Wyatt delivered the report which included an update incorporating figures for quarter 3 of 2014, plans for a recruitment drive for Autumn 2014 and ways members could support recruitment activities. The committee members who participated in altc2014 member activities/sessions were thanked for their involvement and support.

The committee discussed the recruitment drive focusing on organisational members and requested a discussion of ways to support recruitment of individual members be included at future meetings. The committee noted the report overall.

6. CMALT report

Liz Wyatt delivered the report on CMALT which included updates on new CMALT members in quarter 3 of 2014 and announcing the start of the CMALT Update Pilot which is due to complete mid-November.

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7. Events Report

Liz Wyatt delivered the ALT Events Report which gave an overview of altc2014 feedback and events coming up in the Autumn. The committee noted the report.

8. Communications and web report.

Sarah Sherman presented the report on Communications and Website updates from Martin Hawksey. The report was noted and commended by the committee.

9. International matters

Liz Wyatt reported that following a restructure at ascilite, CMALT Australasia is now being promoted to organisations again to recruit candidates. A webinar was held introducing people to the scheme, led by Hennie Yip from the CDG.

10. Items referred to and from other ALT committees

See item 12.2.

11. Items to be reported to the central executive committee

The committee recommended abolishing the use of RIG (Regional Interest Groups) and instead all groups will be renamed Special Interest Groups.

12: Any other business identified at the start of the meeting

12.1 The role of Organisational Member Reps.

The committee discussed redefining the role of the organisational member representatives and ways they could support retention and help spread the word of ALT internally. Suggestions such as a mailing list specifically for reps were noted by Liz Wyatt and will be considered as part of the forthcoming 2015 membership planning.

Action: For consideration at the start of the new membership year (Feb 2014), Liz Wyatt to include names of reps on the ALT website organisational member list and to explore the practicalities of all reps with free individual membership being renewed automatically without reminders.

12.2. Research in relation to the Membership Development Committee

The committee discussed the possibility of a cross-committee working group with a view to developing clearer ideas about practice and researcher ethics, code of practice or framework, supporting research capacity of early researchers, resonating with REF and building research collaborations and developing consortia.

Action from previous minutes: 6.2 John Traxler to lead on cross committee discussion on research to get an overview of those with an interest in a working group, with possibility of this becoming a SIG at a later stage.

13. Dates of next meeting:

4 Feb 10.30am (online), 3 June 10.30am (online)