

Summary – NAMHE Committee Meeting 8 June 2013

Committee Business

Rachel Cowgill took the Chair for the first time since her election at the AGM in May. She paid tribute to Thomas Schmidt for his long service as Chair.

Rachel has asked the Committee to consider what should be the priorities for the three years of her chairmanship. This will be discussed in October.

The AGM approved the introduction of a student representative to the Committee. It was agreed that those students who attended conference would form the electorate and that the election would be conducted by single transferable vote. Three nominations have been received and it is hoped someone will be in place for October.

Current Issues and Projects

- **Web site** – The morning session was devoted to a discussion of how the web site and communication with the membership in general might be improved.
- **Expenses Policy** - the Committee approved a new policy for NAMHE expenses. This will be published on the web site.
- **Membership** – membership levels have fallen in recent years. The October meeting will look at recruiting new members, including private providers.
- **Conference 2013** – the Conference was reviewed; it was thought to have been very successful. Committee members were pleased to hear that the speakers from AQA and Music Mark are keen to continue collaboration with NAMHE and there was some discussion as to how this will be achieved.
- **Facebook** – Rachel Cowgill has set up a NAMHE Facebook group.

NAMHE Annual Conference 2014

This will take place at Bath Spa University.

Rachel Cowgill will be consulting the membership on possible themes around 'learning communities'. The following were suggested:

1. Research based teaching and teaching for employability
2. National Student Survey
3. Collaboration
4. Contact time and modes of delivery
5. Music technology
6. Digital communities
7. Experience of PG Certificate: working with and mentoring TAs and part-time staff, PGR assistantships
8. Creative practice

Professor Georgina Born is to be invited to speak at Conference.

It was noted that attendance levels at conference are still disappointing and it was suggested that the date, always the Tuesday after May Day, may not be convenient for

some colleagues. The membership will also be consulted on the date for the Bath Spa conference.

Meetings in 2013-14

The Committee will meet in October, January and June on Saturdays tbc, at the University of Birmingham. The date of the Annual Conference is provisionally Tuesday 6 May 2014, but is under review (see above).