

British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA)
Accounting Education Special Interest Group (SIG)
online

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

20th May 2021, 17:00-18:05 BST

1. Attendance and apologies:

Greg Stoner (Chair)	Cecile Janse van Rensburg
Joan Ballantine (Vice Chair)	Paul Jennings
Linda Hickson (Secretary)	Hilary Lindsay
David Trodden (Treasurer)	Ilse Lubbe
Barbara Flood (Exec committee) ,	Carlo Magni
Alan Sangster (Exec committee)	David Masset
Beth Picton (Exec committee)	Karen McBride
Cathy Myles (Exec committee)	Suzanne McCallum
Hans Van der Heijden (Exec committee)	Caroline McGroary
Olga Cam (Exec committee)	Brid Murphy
Sue Blackett	Peta Myers
Gavin D'Northwood	Cathy Myles
Patricia Everaert	Evelien Opdecam
Florian Gebreiter	Catriona Paisey
Sharon Guaman-Quintanilla	Joao Paulo Resende de Lima
Nadia Gulko	Reimi Sivalingam
Margaret Healy	Brian Telford
	Ed Tew
	Lisa Wakefield
	Janet West

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (May 22nd, 2020) were approved with no corrections. There are no issues arising other than those being brought up as substantive items during this AGM.
3. Chairperson's Annual Report: Greg Stoner reminded the meeting that SIG activities are noted in the BAFA annual report, but that activities had necessarily been limited this year as a result of the pandemic. Early Career Research bursaries had been awarded for the conference but it is intended to roll these over until the next one. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary sat on a panel at the main BAFA event. The SiG is continuing to improve its reach on social media and the Chair reminded everyone to follow our [LinkedIn page](#).

The Vice Chair stated that CDAF now have a [YouTube Channel](#) which members can subscribe to.

4. Treasurer's report: David Trodden presented the financial statements, which had been made available online in advance of the meeting. Three years of accounts were presented. Conference income/expenditure was well-balanced in 2018/19. There was no conference in 2020 but still have some expenses which we are hoping to be able to use next year. There was a question regarding the increase in bursaries? Two had been awarded; of almost £3,000 each each.
5. British Accounting and Finance Association Update: Chair reported on various issues from BAFA.
 - a) Outstanding Education Award – The Outstanding Education Award had been awarded to Catriona Paisey. Congratulations were offered to Catriona.
 - b) Meetings – The majority of meetings for BAFA and all SiGs had taken place online this year. The executive board will need to make a decision regarding Face-to-Face meetings when Government policy has been released for easing lockdown.
 - c) Social Events – BAFA continued to run activities for members. Social activities have generally not been well attended but have been well-received by those who did attend.
 - d) Leicester University – The BAFA Exec sent an open letter to Leicester University regarding academic integrity and University of Leicester Business School (ULBS) redundancies. The letter can be viewed [here](#).
 - e) Greg Stoner, Alan Sangster and Barbara Flood have received the AAA award for Outstanding Education. Congratulations were offered to all three recipients.
6. Elections to the Accounting Education SIG.

Chair reported that there were four vacancies on the SIG Committee, as advertised on the website and in recent communications. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Editorial advisor posts are all due for re-election but no nominations were received other than for the current incumbents. Nominations and seconders were as follows:

- Elected Member (Chairperson) Greg Stoner. Nominated by Barbara Flood and seconded by Hilary Lindsay
- Elected Member (Vice Chairperson) Joan Ballantine. Nominated by Karen McBride and seconded by Paul Jennings
- Elected Member (Secretary) Linda Hickson. Nominated by Cathy Miles and seconded by Janet West
- Elected Member (Editorial advisor) Alan Sangster. Nominated by Peta Myers and seconded by Karen McBride

The Chair also announced that one co-opted member had stepped down from the committee. He thanked John Smith for all his work on the committee and this thanks was re-iterated by many in the chat. There is now a vacancy for a co-opted member on the committee and expressions of interest were invited.

7. Future plans and priority areas for the Accounting Education SIG 2020-2021

- a) Readvertise for doctoral bursaries (probably 1 to be awarded, but possibly 2 if exceptional candidates)
- b) ECR support for attending 2022 conference (free place and contribution to travel costs). Details to be made available at a later date.
- c) Mentoring scheme (JB) – This is still operating but BAFA have also introduced a mentoring system. Joan asked anyone interested in being a mentor or being mentored to contact her on joan.ballantine@ulster.ac.uk
- d) The committee's ECR rep is considering different workshops and is open to ideas. Attendees were reminded that they can post feedback on current events and suggest future events on the conference website.
- e) Peta suggested a writing retreat for ECRs. Janet has attended an event on writing a paper in 12 weeks and suggested something similar with something to work on each week over a 12-week period. Olga will look into setting up a sub-group to co-ordinate the views from many who are interested in this.
- f) Consideration will be given to whether the SiG should become the accounting and finance education group. Discussions took place around this theme with some differing views presented by various attendees. One consideration is the strength of the current brand name for the SiG. The Executive committee will have further discussions on this and speak with BAFA, before any further steps are taken.

8. Accounting Education Journal update: Barbara Flood reported that six issues were published over the last year with one special edition, "*Insights into Accounting Education in a COVID-19 world*". The journal is always looking for good papers and is working very hard in managing a timely review process. Proposals for special issues are welcomed. The journal homepage can be found [here](#).

9. Forthcoming conferences:

Glasgow University, 2022 (*proposed date 18-20 May subject to any restrictions*)
University of Leeds 2023

Dublin City University 2024

Expressions of interest for future years sought. Sheffield and Exeter were suggested.

Views were sought regarding the format of the 2022 conference. The general consensus was to hold a face-to-face conference, if possible, with some digital access for those unable to travel. Some thoughts expressed included consideration that something that is not the full experience would be better than no experience but also, that if further conferences were held online, it may be difficult to justify the expense requests for staff to attend future face-to-face conferences.

10. Any other business:

- (a) Joan announced that CDAF have an event on assessment and accreditation on 10th September. Registration is available at the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cdaf-assessment-and-accreditation-tickets-150925719891?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1

11. Date of next meeting May 2022, actual date TBA.