

Minutes of the Kent SLA AGM

Thursday, 16th July, 2020

Held virtually online

(Presenter: Philippa Rose)

Present

SLA Chief Executive: Alison Tarrant

SLA Trustees: Amanda Whiteford and John Bradford

Kent SLA Committee Members

Chair: Emma Foreman

Secretary: Ros Waltho

Treasurer: Sharon Bolton

CILIP Liaison: Philippa Rose

Newsletter Editor: Katy Day

Stephen King (**SLA Board Member & Trustee**)

Jane Knott

Vanda Fox

Apologies sent:

Maria Fernandez

Brenda Marshall (**Primary Liaison**)

Isabelle Register

Chantal Kelleher (**Social Media Coordinator**)

Members

Fay Holmes

Isabelle Ryan

Rebecca Finlay

Teresa Duey

Lynn Myhill

Sue Holmes

Welcome by Alison Tarrant

Many new initiatives this year in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and school closures, including:

Weekend Course goes online.

Top 5 tips for encouraging readers.

Monthly YouTube with access for all.

Online Newsletter.

Meet the Creator - Monthly author book talks hosted by Bev Humphreys, starting Wednesday, 22nd July. To be recorded and archived.

Free webinars.

Altogether, a busy year in which SLA has been pushed to change and adapt, resulting in a better, more resilient association, using new technologies to their best advantage.

New trustees appointed - Amanda and John attending today's meeting - and discussions about strategies. SLA is cautiously optimistic, seeing increased membership and 2 new branches.

SLA achievements:

Advocacy for the sector - school libraries benefit all.

Asking what librarians need.

Strong community feeling as a SLA member.

During this time of uncertainty, focus on the things that are in your control; day by day, what is the one thing you could do to help your students? It is important to have a mental break over summer; however, you can contact the SLA office during this period if you need to.

Approval of AGM 2019 minutes

Reports

Kent SLA Chair: (please see attached Chair's Report in full)

Kent SLA is already 6 years old and keeping as busy as ever! We were able to offer a free place on this year's Weekend Course and the winner, Emily Kindregard, has chosen to attend the event, given current circumstances, when it is rescheduled at Ashford in 2021. Unfortunately, our planned AGM and Author Talk in March had to be postponed but we have been able to hold the AGM virtually instead and, in this way, have reached out to more members who may not have been able to attend in person. Our planned Student Librarians' Day has also to be rescheduled and more information will follow. School librarians are doing difficult things in this period, facing technological problems, but adapting well to these changes.

Treasurer:

Our local branch has now, in line with all branches, transferred to the national account. Please see attached end of financial year report.

Election of Officers & Committee Members, 2020-21:

All posts remain the same and were approved by the members present, the number of which was quorate.

Vanda Fox was elected Vice-Chair and will become acting Chair when Emma Foreman retires from her role as Chair around Easter time, 2021. Members are welcome to indicate interest in this post when it becomes available.

All Committee members were re-voted onto the Committee.

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Student Librarians' Day/Author Talk and Diversity and Inclusion course all to be rescheduled, when possible.