

**Minutes of the 2016 AGM of the Society for Existential Analysis**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016, 4:00pm  
 NCVO, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL

<b>Agenda Item 1: Opening remarks / Welcome</b>	
Pavlos thanked members for attending the conference and let attendees know that we would be announcing the results of the election for the new Chair later in the meeting.	
<b>Agenda item 2: Apologies</b> Apologies from Paul McGinley	
<b>Agenda item 3: Minutes of 2015 AGM</b>	Sarah Young was not listed as being in attendance. This will be amended.  Approved
<b>Agenda item 4: Matters arising from minutes of 2015 AGM</b>	Nothing from Executive Committee. Nothing from SEA membership
<b>Agenda item 5: Reports</b>	
a. Treasurer (Paola Pomponi)	Report presented.
b. Membership Secretary (Paul Silver-Myer)	Report presented.  <b>(Appendix 1)</b>

<p>c. UKCP Registration Officer (Donna Billington)</p> <p>DB will be standing down from the role, offered her thanks to Paul Silver-Myer, Ursula, and Mike Harding.</p>	<p>Report presented. <b>(Appendix 2)</b></p>
<p>d. SEA Hans W. Cohn Scholarship Coordinator (Sarah Young)</p>	<p>Report presented.</p> <p>Sarah will be standing down, nominated Karen Weixel-Dixon to replace her.</p>
<p>e. SEA Journal Editor (Simon du Plock)</p>	<p>Simon not in attendance, the Acting Secretary (Marya Goga) presented the report. <b>(Appendix 3)</b></p>

<p><b>Agenda item 6: Results of ballot for post of SEA Chair</b></p> <p>Natasha Synesiou voted in as Chair by a majority vote of 114 to 63 in favour of Simone Lee. She thanked her fellow committee members, and those who voted for her, and encouraged more involvement from the SEA general membership.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda item 7: Elections for committee roles</b></p>	
<p><b>i. Karen Weixel-Dixon for Hans W. Cohn Scholarship Administrator)</b> Nominated by Sarah Young / Seconded by Paola Pomponi</p>	<p>Voted in by majority.</p>
<p><b>ii. Ben Spray for Webmaster and Membership Secretary</b> Nominated by Paola Pomponi / Seconded by Andrew Miller</p>	<p>Voted in by majority.</p>
<p><b>iii. Lucy Solymar (CPD Administrator)</b> Nominated by Paola Pomponi / Seconded by Paul Silver-Myer</p>	<p>Voted in by majority.</p>
<p><b>iv. Marya Goga (Secretary)</b> Nominated by Natasha Synesiou / Seconded by Ben Spray</p>	<p>Voted in by majority.</p>
<p><b>v. Paola Pomponi (Vice- Chair)</b> Nominated by Paul McGinley / Seconded by Paul Silver-Myer</p>	<p>Voted in by majority.</p>

<p><b>Agenda item 8: Acknowledgements</b></p> <p>Martin Adams, Donna Billington, Pavlos Filippopoulos, Greg Madison, Claire Marshall, Paul Silver-Myer, Digby Tantam, and Sarah Young were all thanked for their work, enthusiasm, and passion.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda item 9: Vacant positions in Executive Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Treasurer</li> <li>b. Journal Editor</li> <li>c. Research Projects Officer</li> <li>d. Conference Organiser/s</li> </ul>	<p>Executive Committee has vacancies, and will circulate Job Descriptions to the SEA membership.</p>
<p><b>Agenda item 10: Vacancy for one paid post of Registration Officer</b></p>	<p>Job Description to be circulated.</p> <p>Donna Billington was thanked for her contribution to the SEA and all her hard work over the years.</p>
<p><b>Agenda item 11: AOB</b></p> <p>Paul McGinley announced the date of the next SEA Discussion Group.</p> <p>Announcement by Lucy Solymar made of upcoming CPD opportunities, and an invitation to request topics or speakers of interest.</p> <p>Ben Spray acknowledged that there have been requests to hold various events on different days and is taking that into consideration for future Conference dates and other events.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda item 12: Closing remarks</b></p> <p>Pavlos thanked EC for their time and support during his Chairship, and closed the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda item 13: Date of next AGM (tbd)</b></p> <p>Date will be announced once Conference dates for 2017 have been finalised.</p>	

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Last year I reported that we finished the year with 10 additional members many of whom were signed up at the 2015 World Congress. Sadly, the interest of half of those World Congress members has waned as they have failed to renew their membership this year. However, key note speakers Alfried Laengle and Kirk Schneider were delighted to accept our invitation to become honorary members of the SEA until the next World Congress.

As ever, I invite everyone who leaves to let us know the reasons for ceasing their membership and whilst the vast majority do not reply, the most common reasons continue to be that they either do not live in London and so cannot take advantage of the events taking place, or that they feel the fee does not represent value for money.

The flow, or churn, of our membership continues to be fluid: membership increased by a total of 60 new members, whilst 70 members left. A further 16 members re-joined after an absence. That means that one in three of our members either joined or left during the year.

Finally, please do let us know when you change e-mail or postal address

Many thanks

Paul Silver-Myer

1<sup>st</sup> October 2016

**Report from SEA Registration Officer Sept 2016**

We currently have **136** UKCP registrants, registered with the UKCP through the SEA.

3 registrants on sabbatical.

8 more registrants than June 2014.

2012-13: 82 SEA members registered

2013-14: 96 SEA members registered

2014-15: 107 SEA members registered

2015- 16: 125 SEA members registered

Number of SEA members who are direct registrants with the UKCP as of March 2015: **4 (I do not have an update from the UKCP)**

**Supervisors Register**

As of 22.09.16 there are 18 members registered through the SEA grandparenting route.

Closing date for grandparenting route is 30.09.16

I am resigning as Registration Officer as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

D. Billington

Registration Officer

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

### **Journal report to SEA AGM October 1, 2016**

**Prof Simon du Plock, Co-Editor (appointment of second co-editor pending)**

I am submitting my written report as I have a teaching commitment abroad that prevents me being at the conference in person.

**Editorial Board** – we have made no new appointments to the Board this year.

**Reader's Panel** - We are always looking for reliable readers who will get submissions back to us in a timely manner with appropriate feedback. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Derek Bean

**Quality and Number of submissions** – The quality of articles remains generally high, though the volume of submissions is slightly down on previous years. The positive impact of this is that we can often entertain responses to articles and we encourage this kind of dialogue, in an academic tone, in the Journal. Of the submissions that are referred by reviewers as requiring further work, a high proportion are found to need careful proofing. We would like to urge potential contributors to bear in mind that the quality of their content can be diminished if presentation is not adequate. We are receiving increasing numbers of international papers and here proofing is particularly valuable.

Seven key papers from the first World Congress for Existential Therapy were published in the January 2016 edition (27.1). As was the case in previous years, I have invited presenters at the current SEA Annual Conference to submit their papers to the Journal, and I hope that some contributions marking the twentieth anniversary of the NSPC will also appear in 28.1 (January 2017). We are still experiencing a good mix of international and UK submissions – of the 30 papers published this year, 13 were from authors based outside the UK. This compares well with 8 international papers among a total of 27 in 2016, and there is a slow but steady trend in the direction of a wider coverage.

**The production process** continues to run remarkably smoothly thanks to Katrina Pitts, and to Andrew Miller, and Derek Bean is making a very valuable contribution as **Peer Review Coordinator**.

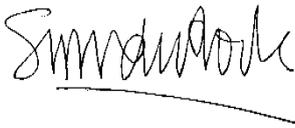
**Book review/marketing** - Thanks to Martin Adams who continues to deal with advertising and book reviews, and who continues to act as the liaison between the

Journal team and the main committee. I am glad to welcome Sarah Ferguson, who took over **distribution** from Martin in May.

**Dr Greg Madison** has resigned as co-editor earlier this year, and I look forward to the appointment of a new co-editor shortly. Greg took on the role in 2007 (replacing Dr John Heaton) and I have very much enjoyed working with him over the last nine years. His input has been invaluable.

I would like to express my thanks to the contribution everyone on the Journal makes to the (usually) smooth running of things (Katrina, Andrew, Derek, Martin). It is not always easy to publish a Journal almost exclusively by email correspondence and I appreciate the Team's generosity of spirit working within these constraints. We are, in effect, publishing the equivalent of two edited books every twelve months. Katrina, Andrew, Derek and I have been looking at our processes over the summer to see where we can simplify some of the review and production stages and thereby make the overall workload lighter.

Finally, I particularly want to express my gratitude to the Society as a whole for supporting the Journal by reading, contributing and critiquing what we do.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Dunthorne', with a horizontal line underneath it.

September 26 2016