

**British Society for the History of Philosophy
Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 14 April, 2018
18:30-19:30am, Durham University
Turner Room, Van Mildert College**

MINUTES

Welcome by the BSHP chair, Maria Rosa Antognazza.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

Approved

2. Matters arising

None

3. Officers' Reports

a. Chair: Maria Rosa Antognazza presented some general remarks about the society's activities in the previous year, new funding schemes and new events (advertised on the BSHP webpage), including a new scholarly research fund, child care provisions, increases in possible funding allocations, and the introduction of the BSHP Annual Lecture.

b. Treasurer: Jeremy Dunham presented key figures from the treasurer's report of 2017-18 (9th April 2018): Treasurer's Account: Total income: £20,989; Total outgoings: £10,230; Net income: £10,760. 30-Days account: Opening balance: £92,444. Closing balance: £104,714.

c. Secretary: Mogens Lærke noted that the obligation to post call for papers and program on the BSHP website was only sporadically honoured. Consequently, he reminded members that, when receiving confirmation of funding from the BSHP, event organizers are obliged to advertise calls for papers and event programs on the BSHP website.

d. Journal Editor: Michael Beaney noted the productive controversy produced by his editorial of the previous five years publication in the BJHP and the success in broadening the range of topics and figures treated in the journal. The value of actively promoting a broadening of the canon was stressed, and the important role of the special issues in that regard.

4. BJHP Matters

The BJHP editor confirmed the appointment of Alix Cohen (Edinburgh) as deputy editor of the BJHP. Daniel Garber and Quentin Skinner were thanked for their service on the editorial board from which they are now stepping down.

The following names have been added to the editorial board: Clare Carlisle (King's College London); James Clarke (University of York); Sophia Connell (Birkbeck College,

London); Peter Dews (University of Essex). The following names have been added to the international advisory board: Sara Ahbel-Rappe (University of Michigan); Jonardon Ganeri (New York University, Abu Dhabi); Karyn Lai (University of New South Wales, Australia); John Marenbon (University of Cambridge); Alison Simmons (Harvard University); Anik Waldow (University of Sydney, Australia)

5. Election of Management Committee Members

The BSHP MC has 12 members, elected from the general membership on a rotating basis, each for a 4-year term (renewable without limit); officers are elected for a 3-year term, renewable once. In addition, 2 members may be co-opted for specific purposes; In addition, the MC may elect one or more Foreign Corresponding Members. M.-R. Antognazza stressed the possibility of all BSHP members of nominating candidates for the MC. Elections are for 4-year periods.

Beth Lord, Mark Sinclair, and Jeremy Dunham were nominated for re-election. All were re-elected. Jeremy Dunham will continue in his role as secretary.

The current composition of the Management Committee is, consequently, as follows: Maria Rosa Antognazza (2016-20); Jeremy Dunham (2014-22); Beth Lord (2014-22); Mark Sinclair (2014-22); Cristina Chimisso (2012-20); James Clarke (2015-19); Alix Cohen (2012-20); Marina Frasca-Spada (2012-20); Peter Millican (2015-19); Pauline Phemister (2012-20); Sophia Connell (2017-2021); Susan James (2016-20); Mike Beaney (Journal Editor. Co-opted member); Mogens Lærke (Foreign corresponding member: 2015-19).

Officers: Maria Rosa Antognazza (Chair, 2017-20); Mogens Lærke (Secretary, 2017-20); Jeremy Dunham (Treasurer; 2015-22).

The next MC will consider an amendment to the constitution with regard to the lack of a time limit for membership of MC. It was noted that the current practice is to serve for no more than two consecutive terms. A recommendation will be tabled at the next AGM.

6. Funding schemes

It was announced that the deadline for submissions of funding applications in Spring 2019 will be changed to 31 March. The deadline for submissions for fall 2019 will remain 31 October. It was stressed that all members are eligible for funding, including for activities not in the UK.

7. Graduate Student Essay Prize

The BSHP Graduate Student Essay Prize had 39 entries, of which 11 were shortlisted. The prize was won by Anna Ortin-Nadal of the University of Edinburgh for her essay ‘Descartes on the Distinction between Primary and Secondary Properties’. The runner-up was Joshua Eisenthal of the University of Pittsburgh for his essay ‘Simplicity and Multiplicity’, on Hertz and Wittgenstein.

8. Rogers Prize

The award for 2017 goes to Andreas Blank of Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt for his article ‘D’Holbach on Self-Esteem and the Moral Economy of Oppression’ (BJHP 25.6). The committee also chose as runner-up ‘Rascals, Triflers, and Pragmatists: Developing a Peircean Account of Assertion’ (25.2) by Kenneth Boyd of the University of Toronto and Diana Heney of Fordham University, New York.

9. Future Events

The un-themed general BSHP conference will be organized by Maria Rosa Antognazza at King’s College London, 24-26 April 2019. The BSHP Annual Lecture is in preparation.*

*After the meeting it has been decided that the lecture will be given by Prof. Sarah Hutton at the Maison Française d’Oxford (MFO) on November 2, 2018. The event will be organized by M. Lærke and M.-R. Antognazza as a collaboration between the BSHP and the MFO.

9. AOB

None

MEETING ENDED AT 7:30pm