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**MINUTES OF THE BAICE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
University of Bath, 9th September 2014**

Present: Caroline Dyer – Chair (CD), Lizzi Milligan (LM), Malcolm Mercer (MM), Michael Crossley (MC), Angeline Barrett (AB), Paul Morris (PM), Helen Hanna (HH), Yuwei Xu (YX), Julia Paulson (JP), Tejendra Pherali (TP), Qing Gu (QG), David Turner (DT), Roger Dale - President (RD) and other members as in the membership database

1. **Apologies:** Nitya Rao (NR), Yusuf Sayed (YS), Nidhi Singal (NS), Terra Sprague (TS), Peter Kelly (PK)

2. **Minutes of the 2014 AGM**

These were accepted as an accurate record of the minutes with David Turner proposing and Angeline Barrett seconding.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

No matters were raised other than those that will be covered in the following items.

4. **Report from the chair**

CD shared the key points from the Chair's report. CD noted that it has been another successful year for BAICE as an active professional association with its robust financial status, the further expanded range of funding opportunities and a journal in very good shape. CD noted that CD and QG have ended their first term of office with both wishing to continue in their current roles for another two years. An election had been held within the executive committee and this had been endorsed with an overwhelming majority. Rosemary Preston proposed that this was supported by the membership with Kenneth King seconding.

CD shared that the association is lucky to have an active student membership and highlighted that the executive committee were soon to advertise for a new student representative to replace HH. CD also shared the improved financial terms for the publishing agreement for Compare, and the journal's first SSCI impact factor in 2012 of 0.458 and 2013 of 0.435. CD reported that there was a new initiative of writers' workshops with UNGEI support for the first overseas workshop in Ethiopia and another planned in South Asia for 2015. CD extended thanks to NR and MM for contributing to this.

CD shared that there is now a range of funding activities detailed on the website for BAICE members. This includes a new initiative for student fieldwork travel support

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scheme. CD thanked all executive committee members who have been involved in the development of the funding opportunities.

CD noted that nine bursaries are supporting students and early career researchers to attend the conference. Tigist Grieve is the recipient of the Edmund King bursary as her work closely reflects his interests. CD noted that the executive committee will be considering a Hugh Hawes bursary. CD thanked RD for his year of service as president and reported that the executive committee has nominated Kenneth King for the 2014-15 President. CD noted the excellent work of the website team, Michael Crossley, Terra Sprague and Jason Sprague for his technical support.

CD noted that BAICE contributed matching funding to the March EFA Global Monitoring Report launch in London and that BAICE forward to working with the GMR team and its new director, Aaron Benavot. Regarding the WCCES, CD called on the AGM to affirm BAICE support for the WCCES principles of transparency and fiscal prudence in the conduct of WCCES business. Rosemary Preston and DT both shared that they thought this was the correct approach and this was unanimously agreed. CD agreed to draft a response and seek advice from relevant people. Regarding the AcSS, CD reported that BAICE was approached to contribute to a Making the Case for the Social Sciences – Education publication, but after debate among the executive committee, this was declined. The possibility for an international/comparative publication will be explored.

CD reported that three BAICE members have been offered honorary membership by the executive committee. Keith Watson, Lynn Davies and Colin Brock all accepted their honorary membership status. CD asked the AGM to vote on two proposed constitutional amendments. These were for student representative to be voted for by the executive committee, rather than the student membership, and the removal of the Associate member category. MM highlighted these changes in the constitution document and there were no objections to these changes. Rosemary Preston proposed and MC seconded that the AGM ratify the constitution and by-laws.

5. Report from the Treasurer

MM reviewed his report and drew attention to key features. MM reported that the associations' finances are in excellent shape aided by the change in Compare royalties. CD encouraged all members to apply to the available funding opportunities. The report was accepted by the AGM.

6. Report from the Membership Secretary

JP presented her report and highlighted key developments, in particular that, while full membership numbers have increased, the student numbers are slightly down. JP agreed to work with student representatives to build that membership. JP noted that the

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process for identifying honorary members by executive committee member had been formalised.

7. Report from *Compare* editors

PM presented the editors' report, highlighting key features. It was noted that the journal has moved to scholar one and increased page allocation. PM also noted that there has been an increase in submissions with seven applications for special issues.

8. Report from student representatives

HH presented the student report and reviewed another successful year of BAICE student activities and involvements. She highlighted the main event which was the BAICE student conference at the University of Belfast. HH encouraged all members to promote the advert for the new student representative.

9. Report on the BAICE website

MC reported on the website and other online activity highlighting that the website usage is increasing all the time. He encouraged all members to use the website.

10. Report on BAICE funding

QG highlighted the key aspects of BAICE funding and gave an overview of the new funding for up to four grants annually for seed corn and research networks and capacity grants. QG noted that two were funded in the first round of funding in 2014. She noted that the inclusion of early career researchers in grant proposals is encouraged and that a publication in COMPARE was expected from grant holders. QG also shared that the BTFs are going well with one new BTF funded in 2013-14.

11. Associate organisations

This business was mostly covered under item 4 above. It was noted that Michele Schweisfurth has taken on the role of Chair of the WCCES research committee. She noted that in the coming year, the WCCES research committee would be drafting cross-cultural educational research guidelines and would be seeking input from BAICE.

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12. Any Other Business

Thanks were offered to Robin Shields and the convening committee of the conference for a successful conference. This was supported by the AGM. Rosemary Preston encouraged all to take a copy of the Directory of Commonwealth Education.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next AGM will take place at the UKFIET conference in Oxford, September 2015.

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