

## Minutes, Actions and Decisions – RPS CG meeting 2022-10-04

Present : Alexandra P, Alan C , Adrian H , Tom O, Sean G, Suzi D, Patricia R, Tim H (reporting)

Apologies : Paul A, Duncan U

	Action/comment	Who	By When
<b>April A/D</b> 0426/3	<p><b>Bursary</b></p> <p>AP met with Liz Williams RPS Bristol who stated that RPS have no resources to assist. A software system can be bought from an external source to assist at a cost of £500 ( per use or period not confirmed ). This is very expensive compared to the year one bursary amount of £1500. AP raised issue at MemCom. Mark Phillips (Documentary) suggested pooling resources. After much debate AH and SG offered to take ownership of the project if the committee supported. This was carried by 6 votes to 2 (who preferred postponing until RPS support working once more). AP to introduce AH+SG to RPS Bristol contact.</p>	AP AH+SG	Open
0426/4	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>TO and PR have updated the spreadsheet. AH yet to do so and Central needs updating. Lack of events due to CRM problems noted.</p> <p>Concept to include upcoming events from spreadsheet</p>	AH / SH  SD	Open
0426/6	<p><b>Social media (SM)</b></p> <p>Create a “job advert” Non functioning CRM makes SM more important in short term. SM (Fb and IG) can be used to share images.</p>	AP / SG	Open

0426/7	<p><b>Membership letters</b></p> <p>Need to clarify the position of K Launchbury. Welcome letters are important. No real role until CRM functioning.</p>	AP	Open
July A/D 0725/1	<p><b>Overseas Memberships</b></p> <p>See Finances</p>		Closed
0725/2	<p><b>AGM 2023</b></p> <p>TO meeting to discuss with Cambridge group over possible use of Foxton VH / other venues. Sunday preferred. This to be followed up by email outside the meeting. April 1/2 2023</p>	PA/TO	Open
0725/3	<p><b>Clements Hall meeting 15 October 2022</b></p> <p>CANCELLED due to ongoing RPS CRM issues.</p>		Closed
0725/4	<p><b>Advisory day 29 October 2022</b></p> <p><u>Contrary to AGENDA this is not cancelled.</u></p> <p>So far only 8 observers have booked, none participating. An Assessment day is arranged for Contemporary on 19/20 October. Need to decide if to go ahead by 24 October. Pre-meet the Wednesday before with Andy Moore. Booking online. A broadcast will be sent out.</p> <p>Accommodation at Arnos Grove Hotel, Hybrid F2F and Zoom meeting at RPS House. £15 to show work and free to RPS for observers. Priority to SIG members</p>	AP	Open

1004/1	<p><b>Finances</b></p> <p>AC reported finances despite lack of information from Bristol due to CRM failure. Data on income missing from mid-June onwards, although expenditure is recorded. 413 members is the latest figure, which generate about £8000 income. The Journal at £4.65 per issue, with four editions at £2300 each costs £9200 p.a. AC has discussed options with PA. One idea is to move to three editions per year featuring external photographers only, with Concept featuring members work. This will be taken out of the meeting to discuss between PA/SD/AP/AC/CP. Aim to meet before end October and bring a recommendation back to the committee.</p>	PA/SD/AP/AC/CP	Open
1004/2	<p><b>Regional Zoom accounts</b></p> <p>Regions can use Contemporary SIG Zoom account (held by AP) by informing AP of date of the meeting and host. AP will then send out the invite details and enable co hosting with the region.</p>		Closed
1004/3	<p><b>Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Wednesday 14 December 2023  Thursday ( rotating day principle ) February 9th 2023  Further meetings to be arranged post AGM</p>		Closed

	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Regional meetings and non members.</b></p> <p>Some Regional meetings have historically included non RPS members who have helped in the regions but do not wish to join RPS. These contributions are valued by RO's. A discussion took place in whether this arrangement was fair compared to fee paying members. For those non members who have long histories with the group then a "grandparenting" exemption could be allowed. Newer participants should however join RPS after an initial introductory period. Where a previous member of the RPS and the SIG has since resigned, but still takes part in regional meetings then as a very special case (two only were noted) the meeting agreed that the region should have the option to make an appropriate financial contribution out of their own accounts.</p> <p><b>Expenses</b></p> <p>AC asked that forms be submitted as .pdf not .doc</p> <p>Meeting closed 20.50</p>		Closed
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