

RPS Contemporary SIG Committee meeting Minutes

Date: 28 February 2022 by Zoom

Present: Alan Cameron (Chair), Tim Hancock (reporting), David Unsworth, Paul Ashley, Brian Steptoe, Tom Owens, Steff Hutchinson, Suzi Darsa

No.	Issue	action
1	Suzi Darsa, new Concept editor introduced herself, and her career in photography to date. The meeting welcomed her to the committee. The first new edition of Concept is targeted for end April. Sources for contributions discussed included Journal articles not used, the Distinctions peer group. A broadcast request to be sent out for contributions.	SD AC / SG
2	The action register was updated – see below. Most actions were now completed. The main item being progressed is the article “Understanding Contemporary Photography “by Adrian Hough. The intention is to put it on the website and to publicise it through the AGM and Concept as a vital resource for anyone interested in the group.	AH/SG/AC
3	<p>AGM. Request for outstanding reports to Secretary this week. SG has provided his draft.</p> <p>AC to approve draft final broadcast on the AGM/ Talk/ Members images session prior to broadcast.</p> <p>Nominations for officers at AGM will be as follows :</p> <p>AP (Chair) proposed AC, seconded TO AC (Treasurer) proposed TO, seconded AP TH (Secretary) proposed PA, seconded SH</p> <p>BS will retain committee membership for one more year, and suggests a replacement to be found asap to allow shadowing of the role. PA/BS to prepare a broadcast</p>	<p>AC/DG/PA</p> <p>AC</p> <p>PA/BS</p>
4	Finances. DG not re-standing as Treasurer and no information available to the meeting. PA to send expenses for Journal to AC/TH. All BS invoices now paid by Bristol.	PA/AC/TH
5	JOURNAL. PA / BS propose adding 8 pages to the Journal to allow more space for photographs. This will need perfect binding not stapling. This was supported in principle, to be discussed further after the AGM.	PA / BS
6	Regions. SH reported that Central Group were producing an “Introductions” book of the groups images. This can go on the website and be featured in Concept.	SH/SG/SD
7	AOB	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AC suggested that Committee members should look to source and organise online talks for June onwards. TO suggested John Ferguson as a possible and will follow up - AC discussed MemCom and RepCom feedback. MemCom is for RO's, SIG Chairs to discuss best practice and issues. Meetings to be increased to 6-8 times per year. Committee members to send any comments on engaging with the RPS Strategic Plan asap. - In absence of any information but given increased membership of the SIG and the fact that the SIG is already more expensive than other groups, the AGM will propose no increase in subscription fee. 	All
8	Next meeting tbd. AGM April 2 nd .	
9	ACTION REGISTER OUTSTANDING ITEMS	
	Advertising for Sub group Meetings should be increased e.g. Web site, Facebook etc	ongoing
	Facebook reminders to be added for Contemporary Events	ongoing
	Member's day to be held annually between AGM's	After AGM
	Confirmation required that definition of 'Contemporary ' understood by the Contemporary SIG aligns with that of the distinction panel	See 2 above
	PA would welcome feedback re The Journal – RO's to canvass and supply	ongoing
	SG needs material for the Blogs - RO's to canvass.	ongoing