

**Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Association Executive Committee
York, UK: 22-24 May 2012**

Present: Julie Spinthourakis [President & Chair], Nanny Hartsmar [President-Elect], Christine Roland-Lévy [Past-President], Chris Gifford [Treasurer-Elect] [minutes], Susana Gonçalves [Secretary], [Research & Publications Officer], Beata Krzywosz-Rynkiewicz, Peter Cunningham, Teresa Carbajo Garcia.

24.1 Apologies

Christine Roland-Lévy and Teresa Carbajo Garcia were absent for part of the meeting.

24.2 Chair's announcements

The EC would like to express their formal thanks to Julie Spinthourakis for her work as President and to welcome Nanny Hartsmar as President-Elect. This also Christine Roland-Lévy last meeting and the EC will like to thank her for all her work in the past years.

24.3 Minutes of the 23rd meeting in London and matters arising

Minutes from the meeting in London meeting were not available.

24.4 Executive Committee elections

The CiCeA Presidential election are now closed. Professor Henry Maitles was elected with a clear majority in favour. He will assume the role of President-Elect as of the 30th September 2012. Christine will then step down.

24.5 Finances

The latest financial updates for the association were presented to the EC. The financial deficit of the Association was highlighted. Reductions in expenditure were discussed. In addition it was agreed to meet with Nathan to discuss employing him on a freelance basis to work for the Association.

There was a discussion about CiCeA administration. There was a proposal that roles and tasks are more clearly defined with agreed dates for completion. This would be enabled by shared access to Google calendar – Peter and Julie will take responsibility for this. Julie spoke to the EC concerning the importance of branding for promoting CiCEeA and a discussion ensued about the strap line and, more broadly, the mission of the Association. It was agreed that the phrase 'think citizenship: transform societies' would be adopted.

24.6 Membership

Julie gave an update on membership and reminded colleagues to promote membership as much as possible. She suggested that each member of the EC try and attract two new institutional members.

24.7 Proposal for new individual membership subscription rates.

24.8 Research Grant

Julie informed the EC that no research grant had been awarded in 2011-12. Julie asked the group to reconsider the award for 2012-13 as she believed it was a critical for the attractiveness of CICEA members. The proposal is to make an award that is dependent on the level of CICEA finances from January 2013. It was agreed that an Association dedicated research grant would be made to support a literature review of the current state of citizenship education research. This would be an open call to Association members.

24.9 Outstanding publication award

The publication Award had been agreed and the outstanding achievement award was discussed. For the latter, Panayota Papoulia Tzelepi, from the University of Patras was nominated and received support from the EC. Both would be announced at the main Conference on Saturday.

24.10 Outstanding Achievement award

24.11 Newsletter

Newsletter themes will be decided upon by individual members of the EC who will have responsibility for a particular issue:

Controversial issues - Susana
Nested identities – Nanny
Eurocepticism – Chris
The disappearance of childhood – Beata
Citizenship and school teachers – Peter
Competitive citizenship - Marta

The decision made in London to produce a combined CiCeA and CiCe newsletter to disseminate across the Association and the Network was revisited. There were some reservations on the part of Julie and Nanny that this was in the interests of the Association. It was decided to continue with the combined newsletter and to include in the newsletter a report on CICE working groups and activities.

24.12 Website

Significant improvements in the website were identified. Some additional amendments had been sent through to Julie and the site would be update accordingly. Julie requested that news items were sent through to her as regularly as possible. It was proposed to involve national coordinators in providing country updates.

24.13 CiCeA Participation in the York Conference

Julie suggested that the CiCeA desk is distinctive and identifiable. Colin will be asked to bring the CiCeA poster.

Beata raised concerns about visibility of conference and access to programme etc. Julia concurred that this was important for profile-raising of CiCeA. Nanny raised concerns about the website and stated that it now looked dated.

24.14 Any other business

24.19.1 CTL Journal

The issue of CICEAs relationship to the CTL journal was raised by Julie. It was agreed that institutions would be granted online access as a part of membership. The position in relation to individual members was under discussion. It was proposed that the Association will pay for institutional subscription which will then be available to members. This will mean CiCeA will not have to provide individual access an/or copies of the journal to all members and would significantly reduce expenditure.

Nathan, on behalf of CiCeA, is no longer involved in the CTL journal. The Association will terminate its contract with Intellect ASAP and Volume 7 Issue 3 will be the final Volume to be taken as hard copies by the Association.

Action arising from this meeting:

| Minute point | Action | By Whom | When |
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| 24.5 | Set up shared Google Calendar | Peter/Julie | Oct 12 |
| 24.6 | Report on drive to attract two new members each | EC all | Oct 12 |
| 24.12 | NCs country updates to be published on website | Julie / Chris | Oct 12 |
| 24.19.1 | CTL contract with Intellect cancelled | Julie / Chris | Oct 12 |