

EADH AGM, Krakow - Wednesday, July 13, 2016

13:15 to 14:00

Jagiellonian University, ul. Krupnicza 33 - Audimax, Exhibition Room 1

1. Attendance

Committee:

- Aurélien Berra (AB)
- Barbara Bordalejo (BB) no yet
- Arianna Ciula (Secretary) (AC)
- Claire Clivaz (CC)
- Fabio Ciotti (FC)
- Øyvind Eide (ØE)
- Elena González-Blanco (EGB)
- Leif Isaksen (LI)
- Maurizio Lana (ML)
- Jan Christoph Meister (Chair) (JCM)
- Christian-Emil Ore (CEO)
- Jan Rybicki (JR)

Apologies:

- Edward Vanhoutte (DSH Editor-in-Chief) (EV)
- Paul Vetch (Treasurer) (PV)

A record was taken of other members attending for logging in the attendance book later.

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The meetings started at 13.15.

Chair welcomes and thanks everybody for attending (secretary should be contacted for other apologies).

He thanks the local hosts and in particular JR as outgoing executive member membership. Chair asks to convey gratitude to local team.

Chair mentions the his report was uploaded at <http://eadh.org/sites/eadh.org/files/pdf/2015-2016-report-eadh-chair.pdf>

2. Minutes and matters arising

Electronic copies of the minutes from the Sydney 2015 meeting were circulated to the EADH members list 1 week prior to the present meeting together with the agenda (<http://eadh.org/news/2016/06/15/agm-eadh>). Members were asked to check the minutes and report any issues or amendments. These minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

EB suggests motion to accept, JR seconded. Voted nem con.

Matters arising will be dealt as we go through the agenda.

3. Reports

3.1. Chair's report

- [Report](#)

The report was distributed prior to the meeting.

Chair emphasises few developments and major activities:

- our website is being kept up to date and accessed extensively; the new project slider has become quite popular and is a wonderful showcase of the excellent research we are doing;
- with the help of our website editor Antonio Rojas Castro the website is also become a tool to analyse our community e.g. the section on curricula and education seems to attract special attention; the plan is currently to cross-link this section to DARIAH registry but we might want to work to improve this further in the future; what we can conclude on this at the moment is that DH starts with the interest of young people;
- ADHO is undergoing a structural change; Chair will report on this particular point later in the agenda as EADH has been involved in this work directly.

Floor is open for discussion and questions.

Karina van Dalen-Oskam proposes to adopt the report, AB seconds. One abstention.

3.2. Secretary's report

AC reports that the workload for the officers in the background continues to be consistent and in fact has increased due to both the increase of members contacting us on various matters – overall a very good thing, of course - as well as the proactive role of our website editor and coordinator of social media presence to increase mutual visibility and traffic across initiatives in Europe and beyond. It was very good to have the chance to work with Karina van Dalen-Oskam as president even if for a brief period of time during which the AO forum was set up and is now growing in taking on responsibilities and functions in connection with the association. The absence of Karina taking on the role of ADHO Chair since the end of last year and withdrawing from the role of president was much missed. More on the future of the officers' interaction is scheduled for later in the agenda.

AC stresses that AOs made it possible for the association to liaise meaningfully with the community. We aim to continue to do so also by encouraging more members to get involved in new initiatives – like the successful EADH Days – as well as creating opportunities for new bees in the community. She encourages new DH conference attendees and new members to approach the officers or other EADH executive committee members, as we are willing to engage.

She ends by announcing that she decided to withdraw from her role at the end of the year after 3 years of service both to be able to commit at other levels but also to give the chance to others to contribute.

AC expresses her gratitude to the chair for his service and collaborative attitude.

Chair record thanks AC for her report and friendly persistence in the role.

3.3. Treasurer's report

Since PV could not attend the AGM, Chair introduces the report on his behalf. Unfortunately, we do not have yet a public report by the treasurer. This is due to the fact that ADHO treasurer's report was received late and under time pressure since the figures of OUP came in late. Chair will however give a summary of what we can expect. Our funds are solid; we have sufficient reserves. On the income side, because of the introduction of the membership-only option, the number of individual subscriptions to the journal has dropped but the rise in venue has been compensated by the uptake of membership-only category. So the move to introduce such option was rather positive as it allowed EADH to attract new membership. The lower we can keep the membership-only fee, the more flexibility AOs have to use the rest of their fees to support their own initiatives.

£9,159 is the income expected from ADHO next year. There could be some variations related to fluctuation on the value of GBP currency but we should not get too concerned over this given our reserves and our cautious budget for the next cycle.

The budget could not be approved since it was not available for members to access at the meeting.

3.4 Membership report

- [Report](#)

FC states that we are in good shape also with respect to membership – total of members as per early June is 921 members overall with the composition shown in the report. All levels of membership participation in EADH is growing. In particular, FC mentions the great success of DHN (newly established association Digital Humanities in the Nordic countries).

Chair thanks FC for providing a more details overview on the composition of our membership. One figure he would like to emphasise is that EADH with its AOs has 750 individual members which reflects a huge increase in the past three years. Chair invites members to give us feedback about the organisation. Chair suggested a target of 1000 members to the incoming executive committee; however, he stressed the importance of the quality of benefits over the extension in numbers.

Floor is open for questions but there were none.

Harold Short proposes for the report to be adopted, CC seconds. All in favour.

4. Elections

Chair thanks those who voted but in particular all those who accepted the nomination but were not elected.

Elections opened on the 10th of May for three expiring terms of office (CC, LI, JR).

We had three vacancies for voting members in the executive committee to be filled.

Candidates nominated by 31st of May 31st (deadline for nominations):

- Daniel Alves
- Aurelién Berra
- Alejandro Bia
- Claire Clivaz
- Leif Isaksen
- Corina Moldovan
- Eveline Wandl-Vogt

There was a problem connected to double voting due to the same individual being recorded as member of EADH and of an AO in the OUP list, but this was picked up and corrected on time. Of a total electorate of 854, 201 ballots were entered.

OUP set up the election and members had the opportunity to vote for three candidates. The election site was open from the 10th to the 31st of May.

The candidates with most votes in alphabetical order, and so elected, are:

- Aurelién Berra (first term)
- Claire Clivaz (second term)
- Leif Isaksen (second term).

Chair congratulates the re-elected members and newly elected member AB who was however co-

opted by the committee in the last two years.

The executive also decided to co-opt three members for one year (Chair reminds that these are voting members):

- Daniel Alves (Associate Professor of History, Department of History, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal, and founding member of AHDig, Associação das Humanidades Digitais)
- Inna Kizhner (Siberian Federal University)
- Corina Moldovan (Director of DigiHUBB, the Transylvania Digital Humanities Centre, Romania) – pending acceptance at the time of the meeting (note that Corina accepted the appointment later on via email)

The newly elected members will begin as (regular) members after the summer meeting.

The results of the elections are accepted unanimously.

a. Election of EADH exec chair for the 2016-2019 term of office

Chair informs AGM also about the results concerning the elections conducted within the committee.

Following a request by Chair to committee members to identify possible candidates for the role of Chair, the officers received two nominations for the role of chair in June; one of these is however not valid since the candidate first accepted but consequently withdrew the nomination. Hence, one candidate was nominated, seconded and willing to stand for the election to the office of EADH Chair and finally elected by acclamation by the executive committee at its summer meeting on Monday:

- Øyvind Eide (term of office starting immediately after the end of this term). Candidate statement

Chair thanks ØE for taking on this role.

b. Election of an EADH President

Following a request by Chair to committee members to identify possible candidates for the role of President, the officers received two nominations for the role of president in June. As a result of our anonymous test ballot conducted within the committee in June we had one nominated, seconded and willing to stand candidate for the election to the office of EADH President:

- Elisabeth Burr (term of office starting immediately after the end of this term). Candidate statement

EB was also elected by acclamation by the executive committee on Monday.

a. Vote on proposed conferment of an honorary membership

At its meeting on Monday, the executive committee voted and unanimously approved the proposal to confer an honorary membership to Harold Short for his long dedicated service to ALLC/EADH and to ADHO. Harold served the organisation for very long time in all accounts; he has been instrumental in forming ADHO. Char notes that this instrument of conferring honorary membership is used in exceptional situations.

Harold is invited to address the audience. He states this is a great honour and a surprise. He is very pleased to see how much the association has developed over the years also in comparison to what he was when he was chairing it few years ago.

5. Publications

Chair present apologies of EV who could not attend the meeting and confirms the executive committee received a very detailed report from OUP.

Chair summarise that the journal is doing well despite the fact that individual subscriptions are declining. He reminds the audience that the bulk of income derives however from institutional subscriptions which have dropped marginally. Hence the journal is doing well financially and more importantly extremely well intellectually. The editor had put forward a proposal for a regular conference issue entirely being supported by ADHO and made available freely every year (free access). This proposal was voted on and approved this year by ADHO SC at its meeting on Tuesday morning. There is a back log with respect to submissions, but this is not significant considering the speed of production. We owe a big word of thanks to EV and the whole editorial team.

The possibility of new categories such as online only subscription will be investigated by OUP which is currently not interested in making it an option.

Chair records thanks to EV and the other members of the editorial team for their work. Thanks are also recorded to OUP as strong loyal professional partner. We enjoy an outstanding deal in financial terms, but more importantly we enjoy high quality support e.g. with respect to marketing the journal, accounting for impact factor and connected services.

Paul Gooding is asked to say few words on behalf of the editorial team; he mentions the struggle to get reviews and so encourages the community to engage as peer reviewers for the journal.

6. EADH & ADHO

Chair already mentioned that ADHO is undergoing a process of restructuring. Two vitally important frameworks have been adopted at ADHO SC meetings: new financial and new governance models which are closely interrelated.

Chair starts explaining the new governance framework. This presupposes that ADHO is conceptualised and operationalised as a facilitator amongst its Constituent Organisations (COs). The framework also attempts to distinguish between strategic and operational matters. Until now the ADHO SC has dealt with both of these components. The idea of a new model is to establish an executive structure which will deal with operational activities; while the new policy-body that defines the strategy would be a COs Board which would include the new figure of a president. The COs board is where COs would be represented; it would choose the president and the chair of the executive. This means the structure would be leaner. Indeed, the number of COs is expanding. The new model also distinguishes between functions that can be conducted by officers rather than by full committees; the latter won't be any longer representational and hence much leaner – this should help ADHO in dealing with the growing complexity. The only committee which will stay representational is the Awards committee given its role in disbursing funds. The new model would also provide COs the flexibility to respond to needs in their own context which varies locally.

Chair summarises that up until now the collection of funds within ADHO works in the following way: OUP collects funds via subscriptions or memberships only; one year later 70% of that money comes back to ADHO; the disbursement formula to then transfer funds back to COs is rather complex. The time lag complicates things further. The new model attempts to turn this whole flow around. The most important revenue stream for the near future is the money generated via institutional subscriptions. These funds will go to ADHO. Any income generated through individual subscriptions will go directly back to the point of origin (whether CO or Associate Organisation - AO). Hence every organisation would be master of its own revenue. ADHO is also aware of the need to create compensation funds to face different situations (e.g. to support less established organisations). Nevertheless, the day to day management of finances will be radically improved.

It will take 12-18 months for the new model to be implemented. All in all this should be a very positive development.

Floor is opened for questions but there were none.

Chair record thanks to those who have worked on this proposal of change. It has been long and tedious work so Chair expressed relieve that this framework was adopted two days ago.

7. Conferences

Chair reminds members that DH 2017 will be held in Montreal, while DH 2018 will be hosted in Mexico City. He also announces that the venue for DH 2019 will be Utrecht.

Chair thanks the hosts for organising DH 2016. JR reports briefly by stating that all is going well. The LO (Local Organiser) for DH 2017 will present progress on next year conference at the closing plenary.

Chair thanks the programme committee and in particular its chair Manfred Thaller for all his work this year.

8. Association initiatives

a. EADH Days

Chair explains that we have a new format to involve the community called EADH Day – a kind of mini conferences. We had already two; one in Madrid in 2015 (in connection with the biannual HDH conference) and one in Leipzig in 2016 in connection with the DHd conference; both were a great success. The next one will take place in Rome in January 2017 in connection with a DiXiT event – an open call will be set up and members are encouraged to submit contributions,

b. Partner Organisations

Chair reminds members that there are not obligations with respect to financial transactions with respect to this form of affiliation to EADH.

We have two new partner organisations; one is DH Benelux and one is DH Russian network. The latter is an interesting initiative which brings together many institutions and researchers based in Russia. Chair visited our Russian/Siberian colleagues in Krasnojarsk in April 2016 (CC had already visited separately Krasnojarsk early in 2015 also on behalf of EADH) to liaise with the community on behalf of EADH.

c. Associate Organisations Forum

Floor is given to Christoph Schöch as representative of the AOs forum. He explains that the various AOs representatives discussed ideas to use the fund disbursed by EADH. The idea that has to date most support is a federation of content for various journals.

Chair restates how important our AOs are and how via these decisions they can become independent in managing EADH disbursements.

9. Any other Business

Chair closes the meeting by thanking the members of the executive committee. It has been a great pleasure to work together. He also records a particular thanks to AC.

The incoming president EB is joined by members in recording gratitude to the outgoing chair for all his work in this role.