

National Association of SACREs

AGM 2020: Secretary's Report

In 2019-20, our NASACRE Executive has comprised:

Officers: Paul Smalley (Chair), Robert Morgan (Vice-Chair), Michael Metcalf (Treasurer), Sue Holmes (Secretary) and Lesley Prior (Executive Assistant)

Members: Claire Clinton, Roy Galley, Sheila Gewolb, Alex Klein, Emily Norman, Linda Rudge

Co-opted: Denise Chaplin, Philip Davies (Assistant Treasurer), Elizabeth Jenkerson

The streamlined and focused working groups within the Executive Committee have been working well and to task. Exec meetings have been kept to a minimum, and selected members have been drawn in to contribute to each meeting.

A brief Executive meeting took place immediately after the 2019 AGM in Birmingham, since when various members have met in person a total of four times, in June, October, December and February. The April meeting to plan our 2020 conference was cancelled due to COVID-19, and since Lockdown in March, all NASACRE business has been conducted remotely. When it became clear that we were not going to be able to meet together for our 2020 Conference and AGM, we hastily pulled together an additional SACRE *Briefing* to add to the regular editions that we endeavour to send out for the start of each term, ready to support SACREs when they meet. We hope that these communications serve their intended purpose of keeping all members in touch with developments in the world of RE, and offering suggestions of matters for your consideration and discussion at your SACRE meetings.

We welcomed our Patron, Charles Clarke, and the soon-to-be-outgoing Chief Exec of the RE Council, Rudi Elliott Lockhart to our latest Exec meeting in February. This meeting was held over 2 days so that we could have a full and frank discussion about the way we hope to take our **NASACRE Development Plan** forward, in partnership with other organisations such as the REC and AREIAC (Association of RE Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants) to move forward with the recommendations of the 2018 CoRE report.

We are really disappointed that we cannot meet on 18 May in London for **Authority in RE** which was coming together well and promising to be a very stimulating day. However, what we can say now is that, hopefully, we shall be putting everything on hold and saving it for a year hence. So, make a note in your Forward Planner: our next conference will be held on Monday 24 May 2021 at the same venue, Crowne Plaza Hotel: London - the City, with the

same speakers and the same programme. In the meantime, do be in touch with us if you have any suggestions to contribute and we shall try to take account of them as we further develop the sessions for 2021.

I'm sure you'd want to join me in thanking all Exec members for all their dedicated input to NASACRE in what can be complicated and time-consuming work, and for which none are paid. In the light of the fact that we cannot hold face to face elections for a new Exec to serve up to 2023, your current committee has agreed to keep the status quo, and noone is stepping down. In addition, we must not forget Marie Cooper (who was hoping to come and say Hello to everyone at conference!) and thank her profusely for continuing to provide a consistently high standard of paid Admin support.

This year we are saying an extra BIG Thank You to Paul who has, probably been the longest-serving Chair in NASACRE history, having taken the role on early through a quirk of fate and completed very nearly 4 years as Chair! He's been counting down to his handover to Robert for some time, and I'm sure although that will happen (very quietly!) on 18 May, and there'll be noone gathered to give him a clap, you'll join me in thanking Paul sincerely for everything he has done to serve our association. I feel sure we can all make it up to Paul later, because he's not going far... as Exec Assistant. We wish Robert well as he takes over from Paul and we are especially grateful to Linda who has been nominated for the Vice-Chair's role. As Paul becomes Exec Assistant, Lesley Prior has kindly agreed to continue working with us as a coopted member. There were no new nominations for any of the Exec positions; existing members were renominated by their respective SACREs and therefore everyone is elected unopposed.

Your 2020-21 Exec therefore looks like this:

Robert Morgan (Chair), Linda Rudge (Vice-Chair), Michael Metcalf (Treasurer), Sue Holmes (Secretary) and Paul Smalley (Executive Assistant)

Members: Claire Clinton, Roy Galley, Sheila Gewolb, Alex Klein, Emily Norman

Co-opted: Denise Chaplin, Philip Davies (Assistant Treasurer), Elizabeth Jenkerson, Lesley Prior

Please remember that we are looking out for a new Treasurer to shadow and eventually take over from Michael. For this role we are prepared to pay an honorarium. Do be in touch if you know someone who can help NASACRE in a financial capacity.

We trust and hope that everyone will stay well throughout the next year, and when you are allowed to meet again, we wish you success with your SACRE work.

We will look forward with relish to our belated reunion in 2021.

Sue Holmes