

National Association of SACREs

AGM 2019: Secretary's Report

In 2018-19, 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, Elizabeth Jenkerson, Emily Norman, Linda Rudge and Sushma Sahajpal

Co-opted: Denise Chaplin, Philip Davies (Assistant Treasurer), Nasr Moussa Emam

With a larger Executive Committee to manage this year, and in an endeavour to streamline our work, we have tried a new *modus operandi* to apportion tasks. Individual Exec members have been allocated to 'task groups', working on the NASACRE Development Plan 2019-2021 to present at the 2019 AGM, or on Conference Planning or on the SACRE *Briefing*. This has meant that we have been able to focus each Exec meeting on different aspects, to work more effectively and efficiently. It has also meant that not all members have been required to attend every meeting.

A brief Executive meeting took place immediately after the 2018 AGM in London last May. Since then and following the pattern of previous years, various members have met in person a total of five times, in June, October, December, February and April. In addition, an extra meeting was arranged in September to look at the CoRE: *the Way Forward* report which was then hot off the press, so that we could make a considered NASACRE response. We hope that our SACRE membership feels they are kept up to date and well informed about what's happening in the world of RE through the regular SACRE *Briefings*.

Trevor Cooling, Chair of the RE Council, came along to the December Exec meeting so that we could have a full and frank discussion about the implications of the CoRE report. We are planning to follow this up soon by meeting with Rudi Elliott Lockhart, REC Chief Executive, to take the conversation further and to plan next steps for NASACRE to work with other RE bodies in moving the CoRE recommendations forward. We remain in touch and, busy diaries permitting, still intend to consult with HMIs responsible for RE, particularly in the light of the new Ofsted framework for September and compliance issues.

The thanks of the membership must as ever, go to everyone on the NASACRE Exec for all the duties they have carried out this year on behalf of SACREs across the country. As you can see from the Chair's report, Paul has again had a very busy year travelling all over the country to

represent you and your SACRE at various important RE 'summits' that have taken place, ensuring that the work of SACREs continues to be recognised – and properly funded! Sushma and Elizabeth will step down from their Executive duties this year and we thank them both for all their contributions over the last 6 years. Sushma has been ably leading the 'Development' team - often in virtual meetings - and pulling together the many ideas and suggestions from member SACREs, as we move forward post-CoRE. Elizabeth has been pro-active in visiting and negotiating with prospective conference venues and may continue that work as a co-opted member. We are most grateful to both for all their dedicated input to NASACRE and wish Sushma well in the future as she leaves us to focus on other things. We must not forget Marie Cooper, and thank her profusely for providing the most excellent and efficient Admin. Though the Exec never meets with her, she is always there behind the scenes, to upload things to the website or deal with queries that come in.

We hope that you will enjoy, and get involved in the themes of our annual conference ***Cohesive Communities and Effective Partnerships: RE near and far***, taking useful things away to discuss back at base with your SACRE. We are trying a new venue in a new location, so shall be pleased to hear what you think. Whether called SACREs or LANRWs, we recognise the outstanding commitment to RE (and Worldviews!) that 150+ 'committees' represent across the country, and whatever the final upshot of the CoRE report, we all know there remains a job to be done.

Sue Holmes