



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of  
UK Serials Association  
held on  
Tuesday 27 March 2012  
at the Scottish Exhibition + Conference Centre, Glasgow**

**1. Chair's Introduction and Confirmation of Quorum**

The Chair welcomed members and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of UK Serials Association held on 5 April 2011 at the Harrogate International Centre**

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of UK Serials Association held at the Harrogate International Centre were accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

**3. Chair's Report**

Tony Kidd reported that it had been a successful year for UKSG and referred to the Group's Annual Report for a note of all its different activities and achievements. He noted that the Committee had encouraged submissions for the annual conference programme from the community in general and this had proved very successful for the conference. He asked that members consider putting forward suitable submissions for the next annual conference when the call for papers was issued. He referred to the next one-day conference, planned for November, and told the meeting that the theme was to be 'Rethinking Collections'. He also noted that the Group continued to provide a full set of day seminars, workshops and student roadshows. Efforts had also been centred on furthering ongoing UKSG research projects – the Usage Factor project had now been passed on to COUNTER, and KBART and Transfer were progressing well.

The greatest change notable during the past year had been in publications, with the relaunch of the UKSG journal as *Insights* and the rebranding of the Group in general.

Tony Kidd offered his thanks to all who had contributed to UKSG during the year, including officers, main committee members and all subcommittee members. He thanked the UKSG staff, Alison Whitehorn, Karen Sadler and Ally Souster. He also recorded special thanks to Hazel Woodward and Richard Gedy, who were stepping down from UKSG committees after many years of service. He noted that he, Ed Pentz and Graham Stone would all be stepping down as officers of the committee at the end of their three-year term and said that he had very much enjoyed his time as Chair.

#### **4. Annual Reports of the Officers and Annual Accounts of the Company for the Year Ended 31 December 2011**

Approval of the reports and accounts was proposed by Ed Pentz, seconded by Bev Acreman and carried unanimously. Ed Pentz noted the following with regard to the accounts:

- The rise in the Group's income was due to the fact that the conference attendance had risen for the last two years. This offset the considerable outlay for the 2010 Edinburgh conference, which had proved a very expensive venue.
- The committee had addressed the problem of a previous income gap with a £60,000 surplus at the end of 2011 and a similar surplus expected for 2012.
- It had therefore been possible to ensure that cash reserves remained at the recommended one third of the total conference expenditure.

#### **5. Membership Subscription of the Company for 2013**

Ed Pentz proposed that the membership subscription remained at the current level of £99.00 (plus VAT where applicable) for 2013. This proposal was seconded by Hazel Woodward and carried unanimously.

#### **6. Reappointment of Auditors and Authorisation for Directors to Fix the Auditors' Remuneration**

Ed Pentz proposed that A J Carter & Co Chartered Accountants be reappointed as the Group's auditors. This proposal was seconded by Ann Lawson and carried unanimously.

#### **7. Announcement of the Incoming Honorary Officers**

One nomination only had been received for each of the three Honorary (Executive) Officer posts for 2012/13 and the following candidates were therefore returned unopposed:

Chair	Ross MacIntyre (Mimas, The University of Manchester)
Secretary	Kate Price (University of Surrey)
Treasurer	Charlie Rapple (TBI Communications)

#### **8. Announcement of the Results of the Elections of the Committee Members to Fill the Vacancies Arising**

Six places on the committee were available for election and the six members elected to the Committee for 2012/13 were announced as follows:

Bev Acreman (BioMed Central)  
Carolyn Alderson (JISC Collections)  
Jane Harvell (University of Sussex)  
Ed Pentz (CrossRef)  
Graham Stone (University of Huddersfield)  
Sarah Thompson (University of York)

Continuing their tenure on the committee were:

Ann Lawson (EBSCO Information Services)  
Sarah Pearson (University of Birmingham)  
David Summers (Lancaster University)

Six co-options were available and these appointments would be considered by the new committee shortly.

## **9. Update on UKSG Activities**

### **9.1 Branding**

The first issue of the renamed UKSG journal, *Insights*, had been published in March 2012 and in tandem the Group had taken the opportunity to refresh the brand and establish a new visual identity designed to reflect UKSG's role in connecting the knowledge community. This new branding had now been rolled out across all elements of UKSG, including a refreshed website.

### **9.2 UKSG Competition**

In line with the rebranding exercise, a photo competition had been launched at the conference to encourage the submission of material showing the new UKSG logo for potential use in future marketing of the Group.

## **10. Special Resolution**

The following resolution was put to the meeting for consideration:

That the Company name be changed to **UKSG**

This resolution was proposed by Tony Kidd, seconded by Diana Leitch and passed unanimously.

The meeting was declared closed.

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