

RADICAL STATISTICS

Radical Statistics Annual General Meeting 27 February, 2016 York

Minutes

1. Apologies Jackie Carter, Rachel Cohen, David Lamb and Maurice Marchant.

Attending: Miqdad Asaria, Paul Bevan, John Bibby, Shirley Bibby, Jan Bohnke, Larry Brownstein, David Byrne, Roy Carr-Hill, Jeff Evans, Chris Grollman, Alison Macfarlane, David McNulty, Andrei Morgan, David Pegg, Robin Rice, Jonathan Rosenhead, Laine Ruus, Callum Rutherford, Janet Shapiro, Humphrey Southall, Leslie Wavine?, Andrew Williams, Monica Whysteman?, Alistair Cairns (minutes)

2. Acceptance of previous AGM minutes – accepted as accurate portrayal.

3. Radical Statistics journal editors report (including vacancy for an editor). Rachel C is stepping down. Roy C-H will take on role for one year. Eileen M will stay on role as Copy Editor. Larry B will continue as Book Review Editor. Trude S will continue on, with Roy, as general Editor.

Rachel thanked for all her contributions.

4. Troika report (vacancy for troika member). Given verbally by Andrew W and attached. Jackie C is resigning after one year. No one at this time is stepping up to fill the post. Those present gave the Troika permission to recruit as soon as possible between AGMs.

5. Treasurer's report (new treasurer). Delivered verbally by Janet S and report attached. Subscriptions are stable. Annual conference costs vary fairly wildly. Essay competition and books are receiving small amounts of financial support, enough to sustain activity.

Janet Shapiro is stepping down. David Lamb will take on role. Nomination is seconded, and accepted by vote.

Janet is thanked & presented with a card, for her decades of assistance.

6. Membership report shared verbally by Alistair C and attached.

7. Conference organisers report. We thank Roy Carr-Hill, Jan Böhnke, Larry Brownstein, Alistair Cairns and John Bibby for organising another excellent conference and thank all the speakers for their participation.

8. Future conferences.

- 2017: Location is Edinburgh. Planning team is in place as Nissa Finney, Alan Marshall and Albert Sabater, with support from Alistair C on local arrangements.

We encourage them to set a venue and date as soon as possible and note that the last weekend in February is tradition, but to be decided by committee.

- 2018. Probably London and conference team to be agreed. John B, Alison M and Janet S will follow up on leads in next several months to generate a conference committee. Mayday Rooms to be considered as venue.

9. Essay competition (vacancy for co-ordinator). Alan Marshall might be approached.

10. Website/social media report. Robin R presents verbally. RR could use help with blog posts especially or social media posts generally. Andrei will help RR.

11. We have heard a updates during the conference on the progress of the two books being planned by Radical Statistics members. We thank everyone one involved for their effort, we continue to support these exciting endeavours and look forward to more progress this year.

12. The academic institutional boycott of Israel Proposal for motion to Radstats. (attached) Jonathan R will communicate with Troika, if a WG is accepted.

Vote called: 13 for, v 1 again, v 5 abstains and therefore the motion passesPasses. Alison M points out the discussion list is not a good vehicle for any further discussion. It was noted that the acceptance of the motion does not imply support for the boycott but sets out a process by which Radical Statistics will explore the issue in order that a decision about whether to support the boycott and be made at the next AGM.

13. Any other business. Stuart Lansley may be willing to do a second day of conference, in coordination with Morag Treanor. Perhaps this could be the day before the 2017 conference.

The RS JISC 'discussion' email list has about 450 participants.

Jeff E made everyone aware of the report he has written with Larry B on the achievements of Radical Statistics, which will be published shortly. They are keen to further this work and we support them.

John B points out there are a town in Austria called Radstadt and wonders if a conference could be held there? (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radstadt>)

Proposal to hold a 'badstats' prize. John B will lead on this new competition with Larry B.

Janet S suggests writing up a history of conference history, with Humphrey S.

Meeting closes.

Troika report 2015

After the 2015 RadStats conference, there was a change in the membership of the Troika. Jackie Carter and Andrew Williams were welcomed to the team. The Troika has met regularly on Skype to discuss issues raised by RadStats members and to keep abreast of RadStats matters.

Annual conference 2016

The Troika has supported the organisers in the planning of the 2016 conference. The Troika are also looking forward to the 2017 conference in Edinburgh and will support this similarly.

RadStats Journal

We have supported Rachel Cohen and Trude Sundberg in their roles of journal editors.

RadStats book(s)

We have been pleased to support and foster the development of ideas for the two proposed books to be authored by RadStats members and others. Specifically we were able to approve financial support for two meetings and at least one member of the Troika has attended each meeting. We thank the team of Humphrey Southall, Jeff Evans and John Bibby and wish them success in their venture, and will support Rachel Cohen and Jackie Carter if the second book goes ahead.

Links to other groups

We continue to support our working relationship with the Royal Statistical Society.

Membership of the Troika

Due to other commitments and personal reasons Jackie Carter has asked to leave the Troika and we look forward to having a new team member.

Members of the Troika:

Jackie Carter

Maurice Marchant

Andrew Williams

January 2016

Treasurer Report for AGM February 27th 2016

RADICAL STATISTICS GROUP

NET WORTH As at 31st December 2015

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
BANK BALANCES							
Current Account	£14,275.16	£11,320.95	£13,055.55	£10,505.08	£9,260.65	£7,224.70	£4,314.00
14 Day Deposit	£3,570.32	£3,568.66	£3,565.32	£3,561.98	£3,558.64	£3,555.31	£3,551.98
14 Day Deposit (Health)	£4,875.99	£4,873.72	£4,869.16	£4,864.61	£4,860.04	£4,855.49	£4,848.64
TOTAL	£22,721.47	£19,763.33	£21,490.03	£18,931.67	£17,679.33	£15,635.50	£12,714.62
INCREASE IN NET WORTH							
bank balances at 1st Jan 2015	£19,763.33	£21,490.03	£18,931.67	£17,679.33	£15,635.50	£12,714.62	£10,569.52
bank balances at 31st Dec 2015	£22,721.47	£19,763.33	£21,490.03	£18,931.67	£17,679.33	£15,635.50	£12,714.62
 Net Income for Year	£2,958.14	-£1,726.70	£2,558.36	£1,252.34	£2,043.83	£2,920.88	£2,145.10

The breakdown of income and expenditure is given overleaf for the years since 2009.

Subscriptions remain consistent, but library subscriptions may have been underestimated. Bank accounts do not make this clear.

Conference costs and takings are variable. But this depends upon location, venue etc. Newsletter costs also vary according to the number issued each year.

The essay competition continues to thrive. The Big Data project is a welcome initiative and a good use of the income generated by past publications.

Having served as treasurer for more than ten years, I shall be standing down at this AGM.

Janet Shapiro

Accounts checked by Elli Georgiadou

I have checked the accounts and found everything in order.
E. Georgiadi

*London
February 2nd, 2016*

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT**

for the year ending 31 December 2015

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
GENERAL INCOME							
subscriptions	£4,242.00	£4,058.00	£4,467.00	£4,520.00	£4,812.00	£4,212.00	£4,315.00
Conference Takings	£2,900.00	£765.00	£2,865.00	£2,855.00	£1,400.00	£3,134.03	£815.00
Publications/sales	£103.34			£20.00			
library subs	£50.00	£275.00	£395.00	£187.00	£275.00	£110.00	£435.00
donation*						£15.00	£94.00
paypal	£0.01						
credit in error				£50.00			
refund of debits in error		£1,207.85	£105.00	£65.54			
subtotal	£7,295.35	£6,305.85	£7,832.00	£7,697.54	£6,487.00	£7,471.03	£5,659.00
interest current account	£11.47	£21.18	£20.21	£13.99			
Interest deposit account (56)	£1.66	£3.34	£3.34	£3.34	£3.33	£6.85	
Interest Deposit account	£2.27	£4.56	£4.55	£4.57	£4.55	£3.33	
Total interest received	£15.40	£29.08	£28.10	£21.90	£7.88	£10.18	£12.65
TOTAL INCOME	£7,310.75	£6,334.93	£7,860.10	£7,719.44	£6,494.88	£7,481.21	£5,671.65
EXPENDITURE							
Conference costs	£1,867.00	£4,629.95	£2,257.02	£1,062.60	£297.68	£878.89	£122.65
Radstats Newsletter	£555.00	£1,020.00	£1,143.75	£1,509.24	£2,484.50	£2,663.37	£2,167.47
Administrative fee	£698.74	£987.35	£1,038.54	£1,265.24	£1,149.12	£849.21	£810.00
Administrative expenses	£945.18	£1,194.33	£812.43	£1,517.14	£285.42		
Miscellaneous				£300.00	£102.35	£30.00	£309.29
Bank charges			£0.00	£3.34	£31.98	£83.86	£17.14
Big Data Project	£231.20						
Other (leaflet)						£55.00	£100.00
Essay	£55.49	£230.00		£33.00	£100.00		
refund (credits in error)			£50.00	£510.00			
debits in error				£266.54			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£4,352.61	£8,061.63	£5,301.74	£6,467.10	£4,451.05	£4,560.33	£3,526.55
NET INCOME	£2,958.14	-£1,726.70	£2,558.36	£1,252.34	£2,043.83	£2,920.88	£2,145.10

Membership Report for 2016 AGM

Alistair Cairns, Administrator

As of February 2016, membership within Radical Statistics consists of:

	2015	2014	2013	2012
Low waged/Student	44	43	52	42
Standard	189	197	225	215
Institutional	26	27	28	28
Outside UK	6	6	6	6
Gratis *	12	3	3	3
Total	277	276	314	294

** An additional five copies are sent to the Legal Deposits Libraries.*

Editors, authors & essay competition winners and graphic artist each receive two copies (one additional if already member).