

RADICALSTATISTICS

Radical Statistics Annual General Meeting 27 February 2021 Via Zoom

Minutes

1. Acceptance of previous AGM minutes, which are available on the website.
2. Radical Statistics Editors report – Roy Carr-Hill. The Covid special issue spilled over into next, and the third this year is in the post. Roy continues to look for help and replacement. RS seeks a book review editor. Editors are Roy, Sean Demack and Eileen Magnello as copy editor. Editors are thanked.
3. Troika report – The Troika, consisting of Clare Griffiths, David Lamb (treasurer) and Alistair (administrator) evolved from and continued from the 2020 commission. The Troika met several times over the year, especially in the lead up to the Conference. Another member would be welcome to join.
4. Treasurer's report – David Lamb. [appended] Finances are very small, and losses continue. The increase in printing and mailing are to be rectified by requiring members pay the increased rate or not receive paper copies, as of now.
5. Membership report – Alistair Cairns. [appended] Membership is stable. Not many members have increased payment from 2020 AGM (£25 to £35), a necessary cash infusion to keep RS afloat. AC will continue to remind and may resort to paper copies not going out to those who have not paid.
6. Conference organisers report – David Byrne. Radstats first attempt at an online conference is viewed as a success. David is thanked and he thanked all who helped with the effort. The conference is recorded and will be made available afterwards.
7. 2022 Conference – Dave Byrne. This year's conference was due to take place physically in Newcastle, in collaboration with the NC 'Lit & Phil' Society. A decision will be taken toward the end of 2021 as to whether F2F is possible. As with this year, a 'hybrid' style conference is probably out of reach.
8. Website/social media report – Robin Rice. [appended] The website continues to get views and there have been several blog posts throughout the year. Social media is active and 'followers' far outnumber members, as ever.

9. JISC mail report – Alison Macfarlane. [appended] There have been issues with a small number of contributors dominating the discussion, posting lengthy pieces, sometimes several times per day. Could a ‘code of practice’ or at least guidelines be established. Rachel C and Alison will work to develop this.

10. Any other business – none at present

MEETING CLOSES

Radical Statistics – Treasurer’s report for the year to 31st December 2020

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For the fifth year in a row RadStats has had an excess of expenditure over income. The group needs to rethink its financial strategy to ensure it does not spend all its funds.

Income

The income in 2020 from subscriptions was nearly £900 more than that in 2019.

Historically income from the conference has varied widely. Conference income covers the costs of holding the conference but no longer generates the surplus achieved in some previous years.

Expenditure

RadStats’ largest item of expenditure is the journal. The costs of the RadStats journal have increased substantially since 2016. Although some expenditure was saved by no longer printing in colour, the costs of printing have increased.

Most of the expenditure in the Administrative expenses line is postage for mailing the newsletter.

To ensure the continuing existence of RadStats the membership and Troika should consider means of increasing the income or reducing the expenditure of the group. The group’s assets are declining by around £1000 a year.

David Lamb

Treasurer

February 2021

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Income and Expenditure

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT						
for the year ending 31 December 2020						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£	£	£
GENERAL INCOME						
subscriptions	4,411	3,516	3,627	3,721	3,962	4,242
Conference Takings	1,523	2,095	1,730	1,731	2,040	2,900
Other income	155	175	63	332	1	155
subtotal	6,089	5,786	5,420	5,784	6,003	7,297
TOTAL INTEREST RECEIVED	0	27	3	4	8	15
TOTAL INCOME	6,089	5,813	5,423	5,788	6,011	7,312
EXPENDITURE						
Conference costs	1,143	1,890	1,363	2,668	1,857	1,867
Radstats Journal	3,156	2,070	2,998	2,417	1,474	555
Administrative fee	714	1,063	1,367	1,259	1,124	699
Administrative expenses	2,158	1,453	1,980	1,945	1,707	945
Other expenditure	20	277	379	0	544	287
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,191	6,753	8,087	8,289	6,706	4,353
NET INCOME	-1,102	-940	-2,664	-2,501	-695	2,960

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Net worth

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NET WORTH						
As at 31st December 2020						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
BANK BALANCES	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current Account	6,330	7,432	8,400	11,066	13,571	14,275
14 Day Deposit	3,585	3,585	3,578	3,577	3,575	3,570
14 Day Deposit (Health)	4,908	4,908	4,887	4,885	4,883	4,876
TOTAL	14,823	15,925	16,865	19,529	22,030	22,721
INCREASE IN NET WORTH						
bank balances at 1st Jan	15,925	16,865	19,529	22,030	22,721	19,763
bank balances at 31st Dec	14,823	15,925	16,865	19,529	22,030	22,721
Net Income for Year	-1,102	-940	-2,664	-2,501	-692	2,958
David Lamb, Treasurer January 2020						

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NET WORTH

As at 31st December 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
BANK BALANCES												
Current Account	£6,330.42	£7,432.42	£8,399.64	£11,066.43	£13,571.36	£14,275.16	£11,320.95	£13,055.55	£10,505.08	£9,260.65	£7,224.70	£4,314.00
14 Day Deposit	£3,584.60	£3,584.60	£3,578.27	£3,577.15	£3,575.39	£3,570.32	£3,568.66	£3,565.32	£3,561.98	£3,568.64	£3,555.31	£3,551.98
14 Day Deposit (Health)	£4,907.69	£4,907.69	£4,886.84	£4,885.31	£4,882.90	£4,875.99	£4,873.72	£4,869.16	£4,864.61	£4,860.04	£4,855.49	£4,848.64
TOTAL	£14,822.71	£15,924.71	£16,864.75	£19,528.89	£22,029.65	£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	£15,924.71	£16,864.75	£19,528.89	£22,029.65	£22,721.47	£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	£14,822.71	£15,924.71	£16,864.75	£19,528.89	£22,029.65	£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	-£1,102.00	-£940.04	-£2,664.14	£2,500.76	-£691.82	£2,958.14	-£1,726.70	£2,558.36	£1,252.34	£2,043.83	£2,920.88	£2,145.10

David Lamb, Treasurer
January 2020

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Membership Report for 2019 AGM

Alistair Cairns, Administrator

As of February 2020, membership remains stable.

50 members have opted for on-line only.

There is a proposal to enforce a £10 increase for print copies.

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Low waged/Student	23	56	56	50
Standard	222	194	197	186
Institutional	26	26	26	26
Outside UK	12	12	12	12
Gratis *	11	11	11	11
Total	294	299	293	293

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

Five independent/radical bookshops in UK receive copies to sell, with no payment expected.

This year

Website/social media report – Robin Rice

Website: 7 blog posts since last conference, other content has kept up with Radstats news and journals

Twitter: Total of 3,948 followers (was over 4k last year) and 1,671 tweets all time (fewer this year)

From available data via twitter (last 90 days) our Tweets earned 20.5K impressions

Facebook: 765 followers, increased from slightly over 600 last year.

730 likes and 1.2K reached in last 90 days

Again, if people have content I can get it on the website. I don't take content from the list.

Radstats jiscmail list

On February 26 2021, the radstats jiscmail list had 418 subscribers, 173 in the UK, apparently 198 in the US and the remainder in 26 other countries. The large number of US subscribers is surprising. Could people with gmail list members addresses be attributed to the US?

Only a tiny proportion of contribute postings to the list. A small number send many of emails, some very verbose. This has been a problem during the past year when coronavirus has been a major topic. Unfortunately, although some well-informed people have contributed useful information, a few of the most prolific contributors have sent multiple emails full of misinformation. In their haste, they have sometimes, probably inadvertently, used language which others have found sexist and racist. By and large, these come from people who have had a lot of time on their hands. Other people, many of whom have been exceptionally busy during the pandemic have been exasperated and left the list. This has led to the loss of younger people with considerable potential. In addition, there have been complaints to me as listowner and some people have gone on to complain to jiscmail about the tone and content of the list. As a result, the list has become dysfunctional rather than a good space to discuss important issues.

Alison Macfarlane