

# RADICAL STATISTICS

## Radical Statistics Annual General Meeting 26 February 2022 Online, via Zoom

### Minutes:

1. Previous AGM minutes are available on the website.
2. Radical Statistics Editors report – Roy Carr-Hill

As stated, we are looking for more volunteers, to allow Roy to step back or step down. We warmly welcome Irina our new Book Review Editor and will be introducing another new member Sara, joining Roy, Sean Demack, Irina Motoc and Eileen Magnello.

3 issues since last conference. Working to a 50 page limit per to reduce postage 'cliff'. Could we move to 4/year? Will try this year, not committed to every year. All the Editors thanked.

3. Troika report – David Lamb  
Troika has been able to keep a light touch on running the organisation. Essay competition, Conference committee both supported successful. A mid-year smaller event did not take place. Will try again to do so this year. It would provide the possibility of in-person, perhaps returning to a wintertime, virtual event. John B & Roy C-H will lead, aiming for late September.  
A topic or theme will be developed, possibly bringing in new members. It could focus on expanding the group generally.
4. Treasurer's report – David Lamb [appended]  
Finances are healthy, in the black (for the first time in ages). One lump sum came in, subscriptions are up a little, and the conference incurred almost no costs. There have been some generous replies to the appeal for donations. This allows a bit flexibility, and for example allowing free student memberships.
5. Membership report – Alistair Cairns [appended]  
Still quite a few paying at old rates, AC will remind again. How effectively is RS recruiting members?
6. Conference organisers report – David Byrne

Feels it was successful. Excellent talks, decent participation. A live event would be desirable, likely Sheffield, with a union theme of some sort.

**7. 2023 Conference – Sean Demack**

Sean will be looking for people to help. Open to suggestions of theme. Reiterates a live event would be preferable. Venue needs to be found. Perhaps hold it a bit later in the year to let winter doldrums subside. March 25 is last Saturday in March. Union involvement would be good. Bob Jeffery, who is active in Sheffield Trades Council, will be helpful, looking at developing next year's conference

**8. Essay competition – Dave Byrne**

David has developed a theme, and can judge entries. Suggests this be circulated on email lists, to broaden participation. Diana K offers to judge.

Deadline extended to end June, 2022. RSS also runs one, so RS needs to be distinct. Irina M offers to help promote. She'll circulate text of note and suggest where to circulate, which could be added to. This should be on the website, and pushed on social media to reach a younger demographic.

**9. Website/social media report – Robin Rice [appended]**

Website is up to date but largely the same. Only 5 blog posts this year. Please provide Robin with content (essay comp for example). Twitter numbers are up, making quite an impact, particularly with non-members. Facebook is stable. Largest 'reach' was over 50, with promotion this can multiply 5-fold.

Irina and Robin will discuss establishing an Instagram account. Some feel it is worth boycotting any Meta products, or at least not pay for advertising. To be discussed further. Facebook might be in decline, Twitter is better politically. Radstats now has a YouTube channel!

As ever, RS should be thinking of how best to reach new and interesting 'audiences'.

**10. JISC mail report – Alison Macfarlane**

Each list has over 400 members, not the same people. Some dip into the discussion, the 'announce' list is for members' notifications. On the discussion list there continue to be inappropriate language. 'Sensible' discussions encouraged, and too many postings discouraged. Almost all are clearly UK but there are a suspicious number that appear to be from USA but Alison suspects this is wrong. Rachel Cohen, Alison and Irina were intending to write guidelines – they will try to do so this year.

**11. Any other business**

Harvey Goldstein topic – (Diana K) Would like to see some memorial. Could the essay competition be named after him? Agreed.

Archives – (Alison M) Decades ago RS papers were shared. RS is fairly open: all newsletter, reports for last decade and the last couple of virtual conferences are available. See [archive.org](http://archive.org), where you can see old RS websites archived.

# Radical Statistics AGM

February 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Treasurer's report

# Radical Statistics – 2022 AGM

## Income and Expenditure

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT					
for the year ending 31 December 2021					
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>GENERAL INCOME</b>					
subscriptions	4,645	4,411	3,516	3,627	3,721
Conference Takings	1,884	1,523	2,095	1,730	1,731
Publications/sales				13	57
library subs	150	155	175	50	275
Publishers' Licence	636				
subtotal	7,314	6,089	5,786	5,420	5,784
interest current account		0	0	0	0
Interest deposit account (56)		13	6	1	2
Interest Deposit account (53)		17	21	2	2
<b>TOTAL INTEREST RECEIVED</b>		30	27	3	4
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,314</b>	<b>6,119</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>5,788</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Conference costs		1,143	1,890	1,363	2,668
Radstats Journal	3,776	3,156	2,070	2,998	2,417
Administrative fee	474	714	1,063	1,367	1,259
Administrative expenses	1,515	2,158	1,453	1,980	1,945
Big Data Project		20		379	
Other (leaflet)					
Essay					
Commission costs			277		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>6,753</b>	<b>8,087</b>	<b>8,289</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>-1,072</b>	<b>-940</b>	<b>-2,664</b>	<b>-2,501</b>

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## Net worth

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NET WORTH						
As at 31st December 2021						
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	
BANK BALANCES						
Current Account	7,880	6,330	7,432	8,400	11,066	
14 Day Deposit	3,606	3,606	3,585	3,578	3,577	
14 Day Deposit (Health)	4,925	4,925	4,908	4,887	4,885	
TOTAL	16,411	14,862	15,925	16,865	19,529	
INCREASE IN NET WORTH						
bank balances at 1st Jan	14,862	15,925	16,865	19,529	22,030	
bank balances at 31st Dec	16,411	14,862	15,925	16,865	19,529	
Net Income for Year	1,550	-1,063	-940	-2,664	2,501	
David Lamb, Treasurer						
January 2022						

## Membership Report for 2022 AGM

Alistair Cairns, Administrator

As of February 2022, membership remains stable.

50 members have opted for on-line only.

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

	<b>2022</b>	2021	2020	2019
Low waged/Student	26	23	56	56
Standard	228	222	194	197
Institutional	26	26	26	26
Outside UK	12	12	12	11
Gratis *	11	11	11	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>293</b>

*\* 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.*

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

## **Feb, 2022 Website/social media report – Robin Rice**

### **Website:**

- 5 blog posts since last conference
- Other content has kept up with Radstats news and journals
- Updates to Wordpress and related software were automated

### **Twitter:**

- Total of 4,029 followers (up 81 from last year)
- 1,765 tweets all time (94 tweets during the year)
- In the last 90 days our Tweets earned 6.8k impressions

### **Facebook:**

- 770 followers, increased by only 5 from last year
- Highest reach, 56 'organic' 328 with promotion
- Total page likes over past year, 733

### **Instagram maybe in 2022?**