

Minutes of the Radical Statistics AGM

23rd February 2003

*Minute taker: Danny Dorling
(checked by Ludi Simpson)*

20 members present including the Troika (Robin Rice, Helen Meszaros, Russell Ecob and Humphrey Southall)

Chair of AGM: John Bibby

1. Minutes of 2002 AGM agreed as correct. No matters were raised other than those on this agenda

2. Activities in 2002

- a) Membership: appears to be rising by 7%, but in reality is falling by 7% due to subscriptions not been renewed as not enough issues of the newsletter/journal were published (and renewal information is sent out with the newsletter).
 - b) Finance: Income and out-goings were low due to low newsletter output. The AGM expressed a vote of thanks to Colin for keeping the newsletter going.
 - c) Newsletter: Colin will end his term as editor once he has finished the current issue and a special issue on sexuality (2 issues promised). Roy Carr-Hill and David Gordon offered to edit a special issue on the coming war and this offer was accepted (thus a third issue is in the pipeline). Finally the proceedings of this conference would make an extra issue of the newsletter.
 - d) Email list. Is working well. However the web-site editor is stepping down. The AGM expressed its thanks to Paul and Ray for their work on this.
3. **Activities for 2002.** The AGM agreed the essay competition should continue with two categories of entry to be decided by the Troika.

4. Motions Proposed and Passed

- a) The AGM agreed that Rad Stats funds could be used to underwrite the costs of a survey on attitudes to the coming war if no other group will underwrite funding. This is being co-ordinated by Roy Carr-Hill (up to a maximum of £3000 pounds) as long as a suitable disclaimer concerning Rad Stats necessarily supporting the conclusions of the work included.
- b) The AGM agreed that an extra issue should be published by September so that subscription contracts are being honoured (see item above which should ensure this is met).
- c) The AGM agreed that a statement over copyright could be drafted and included in the journal/newsletter ensuring that contributors retain copyright.
- d) The AGM agreed that a graphic designer, Melanie Schollhammer, could be paid £200 pounds to design the cover to the sexuality issue and £100 pounds for designing covers to the other planned issues of the newsletter/journal. Ludi Simpson volunteered to supply the various editors with the Rad Stats style guide so that the layout could remain consistent).
- e) The AGM agreed that to assist Rad Stats editors with the burden of producing journal issues payment of up to £150 pounds per issue is authorized.

5. Elections

All four members of the Troika organising committee will carry on in their posts, but they are encouraged to find at least one replacement for next year.

Lee Williamson was elected as the new editor. She will begin her stint as editor with the issue arising from this conference (and hence the fourth issue planned). Members were extremely grateful for this offer. Russell Ecob volunteered to coordinate the timing of the four issues soon to be produced so that Jane Ferrie would not be inconvenienced, kept uniformed or over-whelmed.

Treasurer: Kath Moser is stepping down. The AGM expressed its thanks to her for all her hard work. Janet Shapiro was elected to take over as Treasurer. David Byrne agreed to be auditor.

Web Editor: Robin Rice agreed to 'mind' the website until someone could be found to take over this job or at least help her out. Our thanks to her.

Journal printing and mailing co-ordinator: Jane Ferrie, the post holder is willing to continue, the AGM was very grateful for this, our thanks to her.

6. **Conference 2004:** Will be held in London, probably in the LSE, on the "Statistics of privatization and the privatization of statistics", Last weekend in February, content organizer Helen Meszaros, supported by Alison Macfarlane. A Friday night session is also planned.