

American Politics Group

Annual General Meeting

06.01.14

St Anne's College, Oxford

APG officers in attendance: S Hurst, C Harrington, E Ashbee.

A majority of conference attendees were also present.

1. Chair's Annual Report

Steve Hurst shared details of the group's highlights in 2013. These included the annual conference held at the University of Leicester, APG at APSA, and the November colloquium. The winners of the Neustadt book prize, and the Alan Grant and Ros Davies memorial travel awards were acknowledged. The strengthening of ties with the Eccles Centre was discussed, along with fundraising achievements over the year.

2. APG at APSA

Eddie Ashbee shared details of his written report on the APG event at APSA 2013, which occurred in conjunction with the Eccles Centre. The day included a roundtable discussion, specialist panel and guest lecture by Gary Young. Ties with BPG were strengthened, and plans for a similar event in 2014 were outlined.

3. Future APG conference venues

4 – 6 January 2015 at Manchester Metropolitan University. TBC(?)

Offers for 2016 were kindly received from John Dumbrell (Durham) and John Herbert (Keele). Nothing final was agreed at the meeting.

4. Fundraising

Phil Davies reminded all in attendance of the importance of contributing to the post-graduate travel fund. Phil very graciously offered to match any donations made to the fund. The group acknowledged the generosity of this offer, and thanked Phil accordingly. Thanks was also given to Jeffrey Weinberg, who was unable to attend, but had very kindly sent a cheque for £100 towards the travel fund.

5. Vacancies

Three vacancies were advertised in December 2013. These were Treasurer, Webmaster and Membership Officer. Eddie Ashbee volunteered to take over as webmaster, and Gareth Williams as membership officer. Donna agreed to stay on as treasurer.

6. Post-graduate attendance at the conference

Post-grads were asked why they had signed up for this year's event. Answers included

- a) bursaries
- b) better advertising (including HOTCUS and EAAS newsletters)
- c) conference topic of The Great Society
- d) supervisor recommendation
- e) venue (Oxford)

7. AOB

Watergate post-graduate conference – attendees were reminded re the looming CFP deadline

Eccles Centre Fellowships – closing date 31.01.14. Attendees were encouraged to check details on the Eccles Centre website, which also contains listings for 2014 events.

<http://www.bl.uk/ecclescentre>