

Educational Institute Of Scotland

Highland Local Association

Annual General Meeting 20 September 2002

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Colin Deveney, Kevin Logan, Andrew Stewart, Georgie Scott, Robin Fyfe, Stephen Dowds, Dick Langridge, Fred Webster, Andrew McMorrine, Moira Macdonald, Bob Colman, Bill Sadler, Doris Murray, Shona Davidson, Alison MacMillan, Norman Morrison, Kenny MacKenzie, Jo Scott – Moncrieff, Alison Whiteford, Stuart Topp (Area Officer), Margaret Spence, Margaret Bell, Fay Hampton, Ron Mackay, Billy McLaughlin, Barbara Grant, Sheila McDonnell, Willma Colman and Catherine Gordon.

Apologies

Donna Rennie, Janice Ross, Sandy Law, Morag Amos and Malcolm Turner.

2. Minutes of 2001 A.G.M. and matters arising.

- Minutes proposed by Dick Langridge and seconded by Stephen Dowds
- The web site is being worked on and should be operational by the autumn.

3. Reports

A. President's Report

The President commented on the fact that the last twelve months were dominated by McCrone and that the frustration surrounding the setting up of the L.N.C.T was considerable. She hopes that the next year will see considerable movement on this front. She went on to speak of the lack of communication within the Authority and hoped that the proposed web site would be able to inform and encourage colleagues from all parts of the area. She concluded by thanking the Secretary for his contribution to her Presidency and wished Moira MacDonald well in her new role.

B. Secretary's Report

The secretary thanked the outgoing President for her efficient chairing of the meetings and her thoughtful and purposeful stewardship.

The office bearers for year 2002-2003 are:

President	Moira Mac Donald
Vice-President	Alison Whiteford
Secretary	Andrew Stewart

Treasurer Robin Fyfe
Assistant Secretary Norman Morrison

He informed the meeting that there were still vacancies on the H.L.A. in all areas.

There had been no means of consulting with the Authority since December 2001 but he had still been able to represent members directly with the Directorate and hoped that the L.N.C.T. would be constituted before the autumn.

C Treasurer's report

The Accounts are being prepared and will be presented to a future meeting of the H.L.A. The Highland Executive had made a payment to the National Benevolent fund of £5000.00. This is a one off payment and the National fund was most grateful for the generosity of the members. Stuart Topp asked that this generosity be broadcast to other areas in the hope of encouraging similar generosity elsewhere.

D Executive Council

Dick Langridge gave a brief resume of the business of the Executive noting particularly the history behind the current survey of colleagues on Higher Still Internal Assessment.

4. Election of President's Committee

The Secretary informed the meeting that the President's committee comprised:

Secretary, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and members of the Executive from any areas within Highland not already represented. As a consequence of this **Kenny MacKenzie**, was proposed by Doris Murray and seconded by Stephen Dowds, to represent Caithness and **Bill Sadler** was proposed by Dick Langridge and seconded by Andrew Stewart to represent Badenoch and Strathspey

5. Motions

A motion proposed by Dick Langridge and seconded by Stephen Dowds was debated and carried.

“ That this annual General Meeting instruct the secretary to write to the Institute's Executive Council to request that the division of the Local Association into electoral districts for the purpose of electing members of the Executive Council, referred to in Rule 10 of the Local Association constitution, be discontinued until further notice. ”

6 A.O.C.B.

Shona Davidson raised the issue of the best way to keep colleagues informed and after discussion the topic was remitted to a future meeting of the H.L.A.

Barbara Grant raised the issue of job-sizing and how A.P.T'S fitted into the process. Both Andrew Stewart and Stuart Topp responded to the specific question of the position of A.P.T. and Senior Teacher after the job-sizing process. They both highlighted the fact that under terms of SNCT 14, the Authority must seek to agree with APTs and STs which of the options that will be followed.

Kevin Logan raised the specific issue of management tasks or otherwise associated with the post of Chartered Teacher and Stephen Dowds commented that Guidance staff, especially in the Primary Sector, were another group that required careful consideration. He asked the meeting to note that the National Report on the role of Guidance in both Primary and Secondary is six months behind schedule.

The debate ended with Stuart Topp again asking colleagues to be patient over these issues.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.