

HASG Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report 2017

This Chair's report to the AGM is being circulated in advance to all member schools and will be available at the AGM. With AGM time limited, it will help to streamline the meeting and gives a wider picture of the work during the past year.

Personal Comment

In the past year I have had some Health Problems and have been out of action for several months, thus parts of the report have been authored by my fellow Association Officers.

Executive

Our Executive has met 6 times during the year, as usual, and, additionally there has been a Working Group to look after the Governors Awards. Members of the executive have also been significantly involved in conference planning not least because we are funding a substantial part of the costs.

The executive this year has been small and we have been actively recruiting new members, unfortunately we have not yet been as successfully as we had hoped.

Representation

The Executive Officers met regularly with Andrew De Csillery and his predecessor Jan Paine, Managing Director of Herts for Learning, and Simon Newland, Operations Director, Education. Each of these meetings was to represent the interests of Governors and to discuss key topics of interest.

Forums and Briefings

We have in the last year been funding an additional twilight session of the termly Headteachers Briefing, open for Governors to attend (ideally attended by Chairs of Governors with their Heads). HCC, and, in particular Marcus Cooper, have provided the same briefing content that they share with Headteachers during the daytime Briefings. Meetings are held at Beales hotel in Hatfield. The next one is scheduled for 21st November. With Marcus Cooper moving on from HCC at the end of last term their future this year was in doubt. Continuation is currently secured as Debra Massey (Headteacher at Howe Dell) has stepped forward to organise them.

Governor Awards

Once again we led a Governor Awards programme, now in its 4th year, to recognise excellence in Governance. We are continuing this year with our revised awards with winners receiving £1000 for their schools and Runners up schools be awarded £250.

This year we received fewer nominations than previously, fortunately the quality of nominees is still very high. The winners and runners up will be announced and receive their Awards at the Governors' Conference.

Governors' Conference

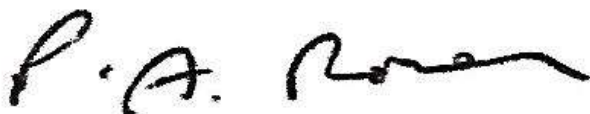
Owing to members agreement last year to increase our subscription amount we have been able to guarantee the continuation of the annual conference this year. With changes in school funding much reduced funds are available from elsewhere.

Executive members have worked with HfL to plan the conference e.g. choosing speakers and topics that are most appropriate to the themes of the conference. We are thus able to bring a Governor view to the table.

Acknowledgments

We all owe a huge debt of thanks to the voluntary and unpaid members of the HASG Executive and to our Administrator, Claire Lanni, for their continued hard work and dedication to the Association, to Governors and to the education of all children in Hertfordshire. They are pivotal to the current and ongoing success of HASG

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