

HASG Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report 2018

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

The past year has been a busy time for HASG executives and I would like to thank them for all the time and hard work that they have put in for the benefit of Hertfordshire Governors.

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 but active. However we have been actively recruiting new members, unfortunately we have not yet been as successfully as we had hoped. I would like to thank the new members of the executive this year for the enthusiasm and work they have done.

Representation

The Executive Officers have continued to meet regularly with Andrew De Csillery, 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.

It was good to be able to welcome Andrew to one of our executive meetings during the year. We will continue to lobby both HCC and HfL to include Governors on all panels involving school matters.

Forums and Briefings

We have again 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 have provided the same briefing content that they share with Headteachers during the daytime briefings. Meetings are held at the Beales Hotel in Hatfield. The next one is scheduled for 29th November. With Marcus Cooper moving on from HCC we would like to thank Debra Massey (Headteacher at Howe Dell) who has been so ably fronting these meetings

Governor Awards

Once again we have run a Governor Awards programme, now in its 5th 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 being 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

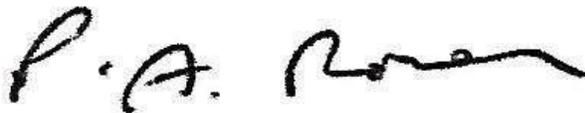
Owing to members agreement two years ago to increase our subscription amount we have been able to guarantee the continuation of the annual conference this year. With changes in school funding and reduced funds being available for the conference we are actively investigating other income streams to guarantee the continuation of the Governors' Conference.

Executive members have worked with staff of 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 Herts 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

Paul Rosen

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P.A. Rosen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chair, Hertfordshire Association of School Governors 2017/18