
EC Meeting Minutes – December 2020

Call to order

A meeting of the MSA Executive Committee was held online on **December 11, 2020**.

Attendees included **Aline Sierp**, **Jenny Wüstenberg**, **Jeffrey Olick**, **Stef Craps**, **Paco Ferrándiz**, **Alicia Salomone**, **Hanna Teichler**, **Joanna Wawrzyniak** (partially).

Missing was **Tea Sindbæk**.

Assistants were **Laura Brouwers** and **Lorena Ortiz Cabrero** (minute taker).

Agenda Item

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Decisions

1. Change of by-laws & Elections

- Still ongoing. Deadline has been extended to December 20.

Concerns from the Working and Regional Groups (WG/RGs):

- Appropriateness of voting on the by-laws one by one. → Response: it would not have made sense in this sense, as they are linked to each other.
- Timing of the warning about the vote. → Response: it certainly could and should have been sent earlier. Exceptional circumstances made it difficult in this instance but the EC and the MSA assistants will work hard to not allow this to happen again.
- Appointment of the NRC & their role in nominating people. → Response: the NRC is appointed by the EC, which is already democratically elected. The way they work is also very in line with other scholarly associations.

2. European Commission grant

- The MSA has secured a European Commission grant, which will allow the development of an 18-month-long project, to start in February 2021 and to be based on citizen participation.
- The MSA is partnered in this grant with the association [EUROCLIO](#), which has a long trajectory of professional work in the field of education and is very experienced in this kind of projects.
- Largest foreseen challenge: administrative coordination (including the submission of documents and financial analysis to the Commission). → For this reason, the accepted budget already included funds for a project coordinator. The MSA is contacting a past partner to help in this department.

3. Website Committee

- The MSA has decided to set up a Website Committee to help improve the MSA website. Among other things, this Committee, chaired by Hanna Teichler, will address a number of concerns raised by WG/RG leaders, including:
 - How to make the activity of the WG/RGs more visible (e.g. blog posts, events).
 - How to allow for more control and space for their own content (e.g. through sub-pages, fora, etc.).
 - How to make the role and functions of, and guidelines for, WG/RGs more explicit to the MSA membership at large.
- The Website Committee already welcomes input and feedback from members via info@memorystudiesassociation.org.

4. dMSA

- Update: the November and December events were a success. The preliminary schedule for the upcoming sessions is the following:
 - January: hopefully in the second half of the month, with speakers from Philippines, USA and Spain, organised by Paco Ferrándiz.
 - February: Provisional 'Meet the Critic' event, organised by Jeff Olick.

5. Liaison to the Memory Centres

- The EC wishes to re-activate and expand the MSA's relationships with [similarly minded associations](#).
- As advertised in the last newsletters, the MSA already welcomes suggestions and proposals from the membership via info@memorystudiesassociation.org.

6. Warsaw 2021

Compensation for Methodology Workshops/Masterclasses:

- The EC has reflected upon the possibility of remunerating the hosting of workshops or masterclasses in the MSA's Annual Meetings. For now, and due to the mostly voluntary basis on which these activities are organised, but also to the MSA's commitment to keeping the access to its activities as open as possible, as well as securing interesting keynote speakers, remuneration for workshops and masterclasses will not be offered to hosts.

Compensation for Keynote Speaker:

- This remuneration, which is offered in special cases, will continue to take place. The MSA is committed to attracting interesting and relevant voices, both from within the field of memory studies and outside.

Conference Fee & Website:

- Details about the conference are still being decided upon. Much of it depends on the negotiations with Dryfta regarding the options for hosting and live streaming for the panellists and attendants.
- The decision on final fees will be taken at the beginning of 2021, to be communicated to the membership mid-January, when registration for the conference opens.

Promotion & Advertising:

- The promotional posters and graphics for Warsaw 2021 are almost ready. The Local Committee wishes to release them soon, in a coordinated strategy across all social media channels.