

2006 Student Radio Association Annual General Meeting

- Date and time: 11th April 2006 @ 13:30
- Present: Frankie Roberto – Chair
Andrew Pratt – Secretary and Finance Officer
Jenny Smith – Events Officer
James Bryant – Development Officer
Approx 130 representatives from 23 member stations.
Frequency 1350 were represented by StormFM
- Apologies: Janek Mikulin – Marketing Officer
- Location: Surge, Southampton

1 Apologies for Absence

As tabled above.

2 Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting

The Secretary and Finance Officer reported that these had still not been received following last year's handover and that they probably would not surface

3 Minutes of the December 2005 General Meeting

These had been forwarded to the exec soon after the meeting took place. They will be chased up and made public.

4 Reports from the Executive Officers

4.1 **Frankie Roberto - Chair** - Frankie was responsible for handling the entries and co-ordinating with the judges for the Awards as well as other duties in organising the night itself. He was also involved in organising the Spring Conference. He offered support to new stations trying to get off the ground and also played a major part in setting up the SRA Wiki.

4.2 **Andy Pratt - Secretary and Finance Officer** - Andy has been maintaining

the database of members as well as watching over the SRA expenses. He was heavily involved with organising the Awards and the Spring Conference. Andy has also been looking into the financial implications of the awards now being run through the SRA account with respect to VAT.

- 4.3 **James Bryant - Development Officer** - James also played a part in the organisation of the awards. He helped set up the SRA Wiki. He has organised a station managers' training session in London over the summer to be hosted by a major radio group - details to follow. He also highlighted the achievement of the Executive in successfully gathering the funds to pay off the 15,000 pound debt to Create for the 2004 Student Radio Awards.
- 4.4 **Jenny Smith - Events Officer** - Jenny had the life consuming role of organising the Student Radio Awards. She had to liaise with Radio 1 and the SRA executive committee and ensure that all plans were put in place as well as supervising the whole night. She also helped to organise all of the regional nomination parties. Finally Jenny was in charge of the organisation of the Spring Conference.
- 4.5 **Janek Mikulin - Marketing Officer** - Jan did not submit a report prior to the meeting

5 **Ordinary Motions**

5.1 **Motion 1 – Registration as a Company Limited by Guarantee**

The chair opened an informal discussion on the motion.

Jam pointed out that the secretary's role would involve much more work and suggested that the Student Radio Association consider splitting the role in 'Secretary' and 'Finance Officer'.

Burn asked whether we might be able to find someone willing to provide office space for free. James Bryant, Development Officer suggested that a radio station or company might be able to offer this.

Queens suggested the split of the Executive committee into two separate bodies of people - an Awards committee and an SRA committee.

Storm asked whether the extra training for looking after finances would be covered by the Student radio Association but James B pointed out that the Inland Revenue offers this for free.

Xpression suggested that the possibilities be looked into further before a decision is made and an amendment was proposed.

Amendment – To remove resolutions 3 – 6

The proposed amendment was to remove resolutions 3 – 6 inclusive and to include a mandate that the SRA is to feed back to its members by September

2006.

Votes For: 11
Votes Against: 8
Abstentions: 3

The amendment was **passed**.

A vote was then taken on the substantive motion (see attached)

Votes For: 20
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 3

The motion was therefore **passed**.

6 **Election of Officers**

6.1 **Chair - Jimmy Luff**

Jimmy highlighted his extensive experience with Storm FM as Assistant Manager, Programme Controller and Head of Production. He also mentioned experience elsewhere in the radio industry and his good all-round knowledge. He has been and SRA regional officer for a year and therefore has a good understanding of the way the SRA works.

Questions for the candidate(s):

BURN FM asked whether Jimmy had the time to commit to the role. Jimmy said that after his graduation in July he has no plans so has plenty of time to give to the position.

6.2 **Secretary and Finance Officer – Jen Long**

There were no nominations for this role so the position was made open to nominations from the group of delegates present. Jen Long from Xpress Radio nominated herself for the role.

Jen spoke briefly about her work as manager of her station as well as working for the Drama Society as secretary. She will have a job in Cardiff next year but plenty of time to commit to the role.

Questions for the candidate(s):

BURN FM asked how Jen will ensure members don't get away without paying. Jen replied that she will chase members up efficiently (making good use of free minutes!!!)

Junction 11 asked whether Jen felt experienced enough to handle the SRA finances. She replied that she had experience of handling the finances of a student station and also has the help of an accountant in the family.

6.3 **Events Officer** – *Stuart Bonathan, Mara Webster*

Stuart highlighted the work he had done for Xpression and in particular his work in organising the big 30th Anniversary celebrations. He also mentioned that he had no major job lined up for the next year so had plenty of time to commit.

Mara highlighted her work organising a Radio Academy Masterclass and an Xfm Club night. She also organised 30th Anniversary celebrations for her station and has been a regional rep for the last year. She has been in touch with Jen and understands what is involved in the role and had already prepared a questionnaire. She would also like to provide bios for industry people present at the awards so that people know who to schmooze with!

Questions for the candidate(s):

Burn asked about the possibility of a move to the midlands for the Awards. Stuart said that that he would investigate the possibility but can see the importance of the awards being in London. Mara said she would also look into it but can too see the importance of the awards being in London.

6.4 **Development Officer** – *Matt Hurst*

Matt spoke about his work as manager of Surge. He wants to help students understand and get the best out of licenses as well as help the licensers understand our needs. He felt that he had good experience in this area. He wants to encourage better integration of stations post SBN and make more use of the Regional Officers. He would also like to facilitate better communication between stations.

Questions for the candidate(s):

There were no questions.

6.5 **Marketing Officer** – *Jan Mikulin*

In Jan's absence, his manifesto was read out.

Questions for the candidate(s):

Jan was absent and therefore there were no questions.

6.6 Elections were then carried out by secret ballot and the votes were counted. The following people were elected as the new Student Radio Association Executive Officers:

Chair:	Jimmy Luff
Secretary and Finance Officer:	Jen Long
Events Officer:	Mara Webster
Development Officer:	Matt Hurst
Marketing Officer:	Janek Mikulin

7 **Any Other Business**

- 7.1 The position of Music Officer was queried, and in particular when this was elected. This position has been held by the same person Al-B for over a year now and there is no system set up for the election of a new officer. This will be decided by the new Exec.
- 7.2 BURN FM asked whether the Midlands region could be split into two regions as there are many stations in the region. This is to be decided in the regional meeting.
- 7.3 Surge asked whether an e-mail was sent out to all member stations about the Spring Conference. Andy replied that an e-mail had been sent to all of the e-mail addresses that he had.
- 7.4 Demon requested more info about events to be sent out to member stations. Andy asked the floor what was the best way to contact stations to which the majority replied e-mail.
- 7.5 Surge requested that the e-mail list be kept more up to date. James replied that it is difficult to ensure that the e-mail list remains completely up to date but said that it was maintained as well as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Substantive Motion 1: Registration as a Company Limited by Guarantee

This Association Notes:

1. That the Student Radio Association (SRA) currently uses a 'Club/Society' bank account.
2. That the SRA Exec are currently jointly personally liable for the activities of the association.
3. That the SRA ran the student radio awards 2006 through its own bank account, with a turnover of over £10,000.
4. That a company limited by guarantee can limit the liability of its members by an agreed amount.
5. That the Commercial Radio Companies Association and the Community Media Association are both non-profit making companies limited by guarantee.
6. That incorporation as a company requires annual filing of accounts with Companies House and a registered office.

This Association Believes:

1. That registration as a non-profit making company limited by guarantee would help protect the personal liability of its Exec Officers, and would offer long-term stability to the organisation.
2. That registration would improve the status of the SRA and allow better scrutiny of its accounts by its member stations.

This Association Resolves:

1. To investigate the registration of the SRA as a non-profit company limited by guarantee.
2. To establish a registered office, perhaps by renting a small amount of office space from a relevant organisation for a nominal rental fee.

This Association Mandates the Executive:

1. To carry out the above resolves, seeking help from appropriate persons where required and communicating any actions to the membership.

Proposed by:

The Student Radio Association Executive Officers