



L&CPU AGM 2009

Latest Updates

The Annual General Meeting of the L&CPU was held at the Albany Science College, Chorley on Saturday 28th February 2009 at 2.30pm.

There were over 30 clubs represented.

Secretary's Report

There have been 6 Executive Committee meetings this year.

Since the last AGM the following Executive Members have left the Committee:-

Rob Vince
Nigel Richards
Marion Waine
James Hardy

All were thanked for their service and special mention was made of Rob Vince, who has 20 years service in total on the Executive, some of that as General Secretary. He was awarded APAGB for his services.

Today there are 4 nominations for the Executive. Two are on the Agenda and the other two are to be dealt with as co-options.

Treasurer's Report

Subscriptions have increased even though the number of clubs has reduced from 99 to 96.

This is because club membership is increasing; now 3369, an increase of 4%.

The Executive are very conscious of the financial state of clubs.

They are considering reducing the number of Executive Meetings from 6 to 5 this year.

After the AGM they will be looking at the excess of income over expenditure and a decision will be made on subscriptions at the Delegates Meeting – but it will not go up.

They will try to see if they can make the costs easier for some clubs.

Insurance: It has been a requirement that all clubs submit their programme to the L&CPU to satisfy public liability requirements. Only 15 have. In future, though, it will be sufficient if clubs keep past programmes (and amendments) for at least 5 years, in their

archives. The recording of amendments in your minutes will be sufficient to satisfy the insurer's needs.

New expenditure will include:-

New software for the Website

An extra Hard Drive

150 new frames size 50cm x 40cm to reflect the new print sizes at the Annual Competition.

They have already had an offer made for the old frames.

Website

Visitors have used the Website from across the globe.

The Web Hosting was changed during the year and there is also a proper backup host.

Since then there have been no "outages".

John Royle is to be the new Webmaster starting from March 2nd, the next update.

Special tribute was paid to Ed Roper for collecting and editing news and pictures for the site and to Ian Aldcroft for managing the Forum part of the website and providing technical help overall.

PAGB

It is thought that the costs for the PAGB Awards will be more in the future.

In November 2009 Projected Digital Images will be allowed for just Credit and Distinction. Masters will follow later.

Questions have been raised over the 5 year eligibility rule for AFIAP. It seems that this is also a FIAP Rule.

A new PAGB Handbook will be produced in August 2009.

The GB Cup is considering reducing the number of images needed to help small clubs.

The PAGB Slide Championship at Warwick made a £300 deficit last year. Next year the admission charges will be £8.00.

The Recorded Lecture Service continues to thrive. One of the groups out of 57 bookings, 28 were for the Wigan 10 Presentation.

Clubs in the past have had to send in their syllabuses to the Treasurer. From now on this will not be necessary but clubs will have to archive their syllabuses for a period of 5 years.

New frames and boxes were provided for the PAGB Print Exhibition.

A proposal is to be made to increase the PAGB Subscriptions by £1 per member at the PAGB AGM

Folios

The Provisional Folio lists for next year will be updated next week.

If clubs want to use the digital version they should let the Folio Secretary know and their names will be taken off the master rota.

Next year problems with the folios will be looked at.

It is probable that in the future not all the folios will have commentaries.

A decision has been made that slide folios will continue as long as there is a slide section in the folio.

New boxes will be needed for Rota Q next year.
Clubs who change their officials should let the L&CPU know so that the contact names for the folios are correct.

Competitions

The AV Competition has just taken place and 32 sequences were entered.
The Print Competition has seen a growing workload and this year the 3 sections are to be reduced to a limit of 2 per person.
It was felt that there would be a gradual reduction in the slide entries so it was decided that the numbers would be retained as before.
The entry in the digital sections would be 2 per person.
This year the maximum print sizes are 50cm x 40cm.
The PAGB are still to have a slide and digital entry in 2009.
Mount sizes for this year are to 50cm x 40 cm for both the PAGB and the L&CPU.

This year the Inter Club Print Challenge was changed and held on the same day as the AGM.

The clubs entered in these competitions were:-

Print	5 clubs
Projected Digital Image	7 clubs

In the Annual Competition there will this year be a separate entry for the PDI Competition.

Lecturers and Judges

We have lost 3 judges from the list this year but as a result of the Judging Seminar there are 11 new judges. There are now 72 on the list.
The Lecturers have gone down 3 to a total of 70.

An appeal is being made for more lecturers who can talk about or demonstrate practical things, to help the growing number of new members in our clubs.

Please ensure that a visiting judge or speaker is treated well; parking space, refreshment, not left to ask for their expenses etc. Also, we still require the PAGB booking form to be sent by ordinary post – no matter what other form of contact has been made.

Exhibitions

The Centenary Exhibition has now ended after running for 2.5 years.
This year the Annual Exhibition will be held at the Williamson Art Gallery, Birkenhead, opening on July 18th.
The PAGB Exhibition will be held at Townley Hall, Burnley and will open on November 7th.

Focal Points

There have been no editions this year because the editor had not received sufficient copy for a magazine.

Clubs were asked to let him know what they felt about the future of Focal Points.

Archive and Loan Collection.

There have been 5 loans this year.

Member of the L&CPU can make an appointment to look at the Archives in Manchester.

Reply from the President

The President had visited 50% of the clubs and has the ambition to visit all clubs in the Union during his presidency. So if you have an exhibition to open or presentation to make. . .

Election of Officers.

The following appointments were made:

Secretary	Ken Ainscow
Treasurer	Gordon Jenkins

Committee Members

Glyn Davies	Chorley PS
Garth Tighe	Hyde PS

...were elected to the Executive Committee

Resolution

The L&CPU Rules would be changed to reflect the appointment of an Independent Examiner.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Lorraine Duncan

Date of Next AGM

February 27th 2010