



Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday<sup>th</sup> 7 May 2008  
7pm - Nuffield Lecture Theatre C

## ATTENDANCE

### Committee Members Present:

TS (President)  
NH (Secretary's assistant)  
CZ (Men's Social Officer)  
AM (Technical Officer)  
DW (Diversity Officer)  
GM (Women's Welfare Officer)  
DM (Men's Welfare Officer)  
DR (Treasurer)  
MW (Campaigns Officer)

### Apologies:

SR (Women's Social Officer)

6 other society members were present

The meeting commenced @ 7.15 pm

## 1. Highlights of the last academic year

TS summarised our key achievements over the last year:



## Elections

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Men's Welfare Officer
- Women's Welfare Officer
- Technical Officer
- Men's Social Officer
- Women's Social Officer
- Campaigns
- Diversity
- Publicity

### President

*The President is the figurehead of the Society to all external interests. S/he is responsible for any other tasks that do not come under the jurisdiction of other committee members.*

### Vice-President

*The Vice-president of the society shall coordinate with the president to organise the day to day running of the society sharing in the responsibilities that are not covered by other members.*

### Treasurer

*The Treasurer shall maintain the accounts of the Society, which shall be available for examination at the AGM. Any funds spent by the Society must follow Union regulations (as set out in the Constitution and Grant Aid) and be authorised by the Treasurer and the President.*

### Secretary

*The Secretary shall keep minutes of Society meetings which, shall be available to the Clubs & Societies Committee. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to deal with all communications on behalf of the Society and its committee, excluding confidential matters with regards to specific members.*

### Men's & Women's Welfare Officer

*The welfare officer is responsible for responding to requests for assistance from members of the society with welfare based problems in conjunction with the president and vice president. The welfare officer shall receive training on active listening skills and mental health issues from university organisations such as the counselling service or religious and external organisations such as the consultation or the gay community health service. The welfare officer is also responsible for providing new members with access to society meetings. The welfare officer holds the responsibility for providing the relevant information outlined in section (7) of the constitution with regards to sexual and mental health. This information may be distributed through events organised into the LGBT calendar.*

### Technical Officer

*The technical officer is responsible for the maintenance of the society website and any administration concerning the website and any society email addresses.*

### Men's Social Officer

*The men's social officer is responsible for organising social events in conjunction with the women's social officer and ensuring that there is a balance of activities available that interest gay/bisexual men. Jointly the men's and women's social officers are responsible for recruiting a working group of volunteers from the society to organise and propose events in an efficient manner.*

### Women's Social Officer

*The women's social officer is responsible for organising social events in conjunction with the men's social officer and ensuring that there is a balance of activities available that interest lesbian/bisexual women. Jointly the men's and women's social officers are responsible for recruiting a working group of volunteers from the society to organise and propose events in an efficient manner.*

### Campaigns

*The campaigns officer is responsible for the political aspects of the society and keeping members informed of the national and international situation with regards to gay rights. They are also expected to organise events highlighting these aspects or promoting the rights of LGBT people around the world.*

### Diversity

*The diversity officer is responsible for ensuring that all members of the society are treated equally and that the society provides events of interest to all members and that the society upholds the equal opportunities policy of the union.*

### Publicity

*The publicity officer is responsible for ensuring that the society is well advertised at all the campuses of the university. They are also responsible for recruiting a small team to work together to produce a termly newsletter in electronic format for distribution to the society keeping them informed of current news relevant to them and reports on events that have taken place. The publicity officer shall be the editor of the newsletter outlined above.*

### Results!!!

Thank you to all who have shown their support to make this a very successful year for the LGBT.

DR presented details of the society finances.

## 2. Elections

All committee positions were up for election. Roles were offered and candidates nominated as follows:

## President

Candidates standing: CZ & DM

CZ spoke first saying that he would be an “*Ok President*” and that he was a good communicator.

**Question:** Would he always be available if needed by society members?

CZ replied: *Yes* and indicated that he had attended nearly all the socials throughout the last year.

**Question:** Did he have any plans to revamp the SULGB?

Chris replied: *No*, but he would poll people to see what direction the society needed to be lead and that maybe communications could be improved.

**Question:** Did he see his role as carrying out administrator and organising things or working with the committee?

Chris replied: Working with the committee and ensuring they could carry out their roles.

DM spoke next saying that he had already been the Men’s Social officer and Men’s Welfare officer and that these are 2 of the most key roles of the society. He has also been the SU LGB&T officer and seen 4 different society presidents come and go and hence has a good idea of the role. He also has ideas to remotivate the society and build an LGB community. There were no questions.

## Vice President

Candidates standing: DW

DW reminded us that he was now a 3<sup>rd</sup> year and had a basic understanding of the workings of the SULGB for the last 3 years. He has carried out the role of diversity officer and as VP would like to change the usual initial boom then fizzling out of interest apart from ‘hard core’ members, by encouraging those on the edge of the society to remain interested. He also recognises that the VP role requires a number of ad hoc activities including covering for vacant committee members.

There were no questions.

## Treasurer

Candidates standing: AM

AM has been on the SULGB committee for 1 years and knows the committee well. He is good with numbers (having just arranged rent payments for 12 months for 7 housemates all paying different amounts!). He intends to build on DR’s work.

**Question:** If the role of *Technical Officer* is not filled, will AM continue to do that as well?

AM replied that he would.

**Question:** Will AM continue to run the film nights?

AM replied that he would.

## Secretary

Candidates standing: MW

MW’s initial comment was that *he can write*. He carried out the role of Campaigns officer and he *fancies doing it*.

**Question:** Would he be a better secretary than Boris Johnson is Mayor of London?

MW replied that he is not ginger, so *yes*

**Question** Can MW do anything else other than *write*

MW replied: *Yes*.

A round of applause was given to NH, the outgoing SULGB secretary of the last 4 years.

**Men's Welfare Officer**                      No candidates standing

**Women's Welfare Officer**              Candidates standing: GM

GM        has already carried out this role for over a year. Beforehand she was diversity officer. She plans to improve the sexual health talk even further. GM emphasised that *she can do it*.

**Question** Would she be prepared to carry out the role of Men's welfare officer in the absence of any other candidates?

GM replied that she would.

**Question** Does she still plan to hold an Ann Summers night?

GM replied that she would.

**Question** Is welfare just about *Sex*

GM replied: *No, it is about feelings*

**Technical Officer**                              Candidates standing: LF

LF        is going to be spending some time in Germany but as the technical officer role largely concerns the web site and email, she will be able to fulfil it remotely. LF's Dad is an IT guy so if she has any problems she will ask him.

**Question** What are LF's own technical skills like?

LF answered that she passed her *European Computer Driving Licence* typing colours.

**Question** Will LF redesign the web site?

LF polled those present to see if they wanted the web site redesigned. It was agreed that it would be a good idea so LF agreed to do so with help from others.

**Men's Social Officer**                        Candidates standing: DF

DF        likes going out and has attended lots of the socials although believes that they have all been a bit *safe* and would like to do things with the whole university specifically involving other religious groups. He is also keen to do socials that do not involve IsoBar or The Edge.

**Question** What does DF propose to do to cater for under 18s?

DF replied that he would like to repeat the bowling event and also tie-in with other societies (and hence not necessarily be based around alcohol).

DF then added that he could *pick up the slack* from the lack of Men's welfare officer.

**Question** Would DF hold socials outside the university?

DF replied: *Yes* as part of the community.

**Question** Would DF keep in touch with the gay venues specifically when they have a theme night so that maybe the SULGB could tie-in?

DF said that he would prefer not to be too closely involved with the gay venue theme nights.

*Question*: Would DF be prepared to hold more socials at the university?

DF replied: *Definitely.*

Women's Social Officer                      No candidates standing

Campaign's Officer                              No candidates standing

Diversity Officer                                  Candidates standing: MPP

MPP stated that he had a good understanding of diversity issues and would ensure that everyone is treated fairly and equally. He is the secretary of the sociology society which gives him a good idea of how societies are run.

*Question*: How will MPP make sure everyone is treated fairly when he does not have the same level of authority as the society president?

MPP was in the process of answering this when the following questions were asked:

*Question*: Are you aware of the university equal opportunities policy?

MPP replied that he was not but would find out.

*Question*: Are your interpersonal skills up to the job if for, example you were asked to do something that you were not able to do?

MPP stated that he would simply explain what is in his capability.

Publicity Officer                                  No candidates standing

An anonymous ballot was carried out and the results as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
President	CZ	6
	DM	8
Vice President	DW	14
Treasurer	AM	13
Secretary	MW	13
Women's Welfare Officer	GM	14
Technical Officer	LF	11
Men's Social Officer	DF	14
Diversity Officer	MPP	14

A round of applause was given to TS, the outgoing SULGB president.

Congratulations go to DM, the new president and all the new committee!

The meeting closed at 8:02pm.