**Treasurer’s Report Year ended 31st December 2023**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**



**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**



**Notes**

**Income**

The main source of income for SLAS (83.3% in 2023) came from the contract with Wiley, representing a share of the profits from BLAR for publication year 2022, coupled with the membership payments collected on behalf of SLAS in that year.

Donations for £362 come from standing orders from previous memberships that have not been cancelled. Interests for the two savings accounts (i.e. Skipton and Nationwide) were received until January 2024, so are not registered in this report.

An income of £14,354 came from the conference in Belfast.

**Expenditure**

The main items of expenditure for 2023 correspond to Prizes and Grants, for £39,688. This is £5,245 more than for 2022. We paid for 6 Scholars grants to attend our annual conference (£9,065), the Catedra SLAS (£600), 2 Post-doc awards (£4,000), 15 PG+PD research support grants (£14,010), 17 PG+PD conference grants (6,671), 4 Seminars/Conferences grants, including one from 2022 (£1,900) and, one UK scholar research grant (£3,000). Additionally, we paid for the use of the gather software space (£281). The total expenditure for grants was less than budgeted by £10,612 mainly because there were two unawarded UK scholar research grants, one unawarded Post-doc grant and some grants for PG&PD research support and for seminars/conferences that were not fully spent by the grantees.

With regards to expenses by BLAR, the main expenditure arose from the payment to the BLAR associate editor which corresponded to 2022 and 2023 (£33,936). This payment is made through the University of Liverpool and the delay in the payment for 2022 was due to their delay to send the invoice. A payment of editors’ honoraria was made for each of the 6 BLAR editors totalling £6,000 (£1,000 each) and a pro-rata amount of £250 for an editor that left the editorial board. Three prizes totalling £1,400 (i.e. BLAR article, Blakemore and Master’s) were awarded by the BLAR editors. BLAR associate editor expenses correspond to £30 for ink cartridges.

Expenses by SLAS committee members, BLAR editors and PILAS Chair to attend the AGM within the annual conference in Belfast totalled £10,712.

Other expenses include those to PILAS (£3,567) that mainly correspond to the organization of their annual conference that took place in Belfast, accounting services for £780, a fee of £105 for the UCML membership, £25 for SLAS elections, £14 for the standing conference and a payment of £1,887 for website and social media expenses.

**Conclusion**

‘Ordinary’ income of £87,934 and expenditure of £101,059 left a left a deficit of £12,763 for the year. However, the deficit is explained by the payment to the BLAR associate editor that corresponded to 2022. If this payment was to be excluded from this financial year, SLAS would have presented a surplus of £5,939. Also, it is worth noting that SLAS has built reserves for £344,936 that will support the continuation of SLAS objectives in the future.

Approved by Trustees on 03/05/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Jannine Poletti-Hughes (SLAS Treasurer)

**THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

This report has been approved on 14 November 2024 by the independent examiner Aysgarth Accountants to confirm that it complies with both the accounting records and the accounting requirements of the Charities Commission.