



***Association for Achievement and Improvement through Assessment***  
*Leading in learning through Assessment*

**Secretary's report 2020**

The Executive met face-to-face only once this year, in December before the lockdown. There was a virtual meeting (via Zoom) in July, and one is planned for October before the AGM. The March meeting was cancelled because of coronavirus. Minutes of meetings are available on the website along with the Executive plan. We would like to thank Jean Sloan once more for keeping the plan up to date.

We welcomed two new school representatives to the Executive, Scott Chamberlain and Jacky Welton at the beginning of the year and also more recently Martin Gray as East Anglian regional rep.

Several subcommittees have been established. The finance subcommittee has continued, and there are also subcommittees on communications (website and social media development) and on conference planning. These will be important in the key task of planning AAIA's future as well as shorter-term organisation.

Liaison with national bodies has continued to be important this year, although inevitably there have been fewer face to face meetings or conferences. Members have held phone/email discussions with a number of bodies including STA, Ofqual and CfSA. AAIA responses were sent to the consultations on EYFS reforms and on the introduction of the framework replacing P scales 1-4 (PKS).

AAIA national officers would like to thank regional representatives and deputies for all their hard work in these difficult times. Regional meetings have not been possible since the coronavirus outbreak, but regional reps have provided information and run discussions remotely. Since group emails from the website are blocked by some firewalls, emails from regional reps. to members are a key way of keeping people up to date, e.g. on feedback for discussion with STA and on a new page on the website on "Returning to School – supporting learning and well-being".

AAIA members are again asked to continue to circulate any information they find about new official announcements, documents and consultations, to ensure that nothing is missed. It would be appreciated if any information could be copied to [contact.us@aaia.co.uk](mailto:contact.us@aaia.co.uk) so that it can be posted on the website as appropriate.

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Secretary