

Membership

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- Membership continues to be predominantly from Local Authorities, although there is representation from Central Government, and the Charities sector within the group.
- We have two co-opted members from CIPFA (Alison Sweeting and Adam Russel)
- I believe the membership of the group enables effective consideration of student needs across the SE region.
- The Executive remains as:

Past President – Daniel van Bregt

President – Frances Slack

Vice President – James Kidd

Honorary Treasurer – Damien Pantling

Communications Officer – Jamie Shah

Honorary Secretary – Tim Mpofo

Activities

- The SE-CSN has met on average every other month last year, and will aim to continue that in 2017/18.
- The SE-CSN was able to offer match funding for travel for the National conference (5 students) and towards attendance at the South East Summer School (10 students). This was well received by students and enabled a number to attend who otherwise would not have been able to do so.
- The SE-CSN continues to focus on events – recent events have included the annual pub quiz in conjunction with London Division (50+) attendees and two informal pizza revision sessions for the case study exam. .
- The SE-CSN ran an ‘Exam Q&A’ event - this was a new event for the SE-CSN and took place face to face at Mansell Street, and was also offered online (in conjunction with national CSN- including students from Cornwall, Scotland, London, and abroad). Take-up wasn’t as high as had been hoped, and action points to address this have been included below
- Future events under consideration include a careers based event and continuing with new starter receptions, as well as looking to develop the Q&A event.

Future aims

- **To obtain timetables further in advance to allow earlier planning and promotion of events**
- **Promote the use of CIPFA learning forums and use these for advertising events**
- **To make use of CIPFA Learning – Lunch and Learn section to distribute learning and other materials from the events**
- **Continue to work with national CSN to co-host and promote events and with student support to advertise events to the student body.**

Financials

- The current budget position is attached.

- This shows an under spend to date of £723 on student events, with claims outstanding for the most recent pizza revision and Q&A sessions. It is anticipated that after these claims the position will be an under spend of c.£500-600. This has primarily been achieved through securing 3 sponsors for the pub quiz.
- Student attendance at conferences has an over spend of £185 due to higher take up than anticipated of matched funding, however this is mitigated by under spends in other areas.
- Student society running costs primarily relate to expenditure on travel to attend meeting for committee members based outside of London. The society is able to utilise rooms at employers of CIPFA for no cost.
- The overall position is therefore currently at £668 under spend for the year.