ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 30th January 2007

LIBRARY TEACHING ROOM, INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

In attendance: Diana Guthrie; Norman Graves; Marcos Guillen; Sarah Aitchison; Claire Drinkwater (Treasurer); Natalie Zara (Hon. Secretary); Katie Mooney.

Katie Mooney gave a talk on the archive collections which had been catalogued since the last meeting. Natalie Zara talked about the new web site and introduced the on-line catalogue. Claire Drinkwater talked about new accessions received by the library and an overview of current special collection projects.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jane Martin; Margaret Spencer; David Watson; David Crook; and Arabella Kurdi.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from last year’s AGM were approved by the FNLA

3. Matters Arising

It was announced the archive office would not be moving to the old seminar room and efforts to provide a secure accessible reading room were still in progress. It is hoped that a new search room and climate controlled store will be built in the Thornholme Mews development, though the Institute is still waiting for planning permission before building work can begin. 6 subject theme guides have now been written and two more are planned in the near future. Several exhibitions have been put up in the exhibition area in the foyer and in September a designer was used to create boards for an exhibition for the BERA conference. The exhibition was a great success and it was announced that a designer would now be used for all exhibitions in the foyer.

4. Annual Report

Natalie Zara announced that the FNLA still had 32 members. Currently there are 10 life members, 21 individual members, and 1 corporate member. The latest newsletter had been written but had been delayed. Claire Drinkwater explained that the newsletter had to adhere to the Institute’s new visual identity guidelines and she was waiting for the Marketing and Development Unit to produce an approved template. It was also announced that after the success of the first archives study afternoon ‘Learning Through Lives’ on 25 Jan 2007, two more study afternoons had been held. ‘History of the IoE and its Archives’ in conjunction with the History of Education
Society on Jun 3 2007, and ‘Progressive Education’ on the 30th Jan 2008. It is hoped that the study afternoons will continue to be held twice a year. Natalie Zara also officially announced the launch of the on-line catalogue at http://archives.ioe.ac.uk.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Income figures attached. Claire Drinkwater talked through the income and expenditure accounts. No interest had been added due to the previous mistake by NatWest. Income was raised through annual subscriptions and donations. This year the funds had been spent catering for meetings and conservation and binding of old government publications held in the special collections. A bookplate was place in each volume acknowledging the donation from the FNLA. Attendees were asked if there were any other projects they would like to support. Natalie Zara, Claire Drinkwater and Sarah Aitchison suggested several projects which are covered in item 7.

6. Election of Officers

Natalie Zara announced she will be leaving the Institute and could no longer be the Hon. Secretary of the FNLA. It was hoped her replacement would become the new secretary and Sarah Aitchison agreed to act as secretary for the interim. Claire Drinkwater said she was happy to continue as treasurer. It was also announced that there had been difficulties contacting Anne Peters and she would be contacted and asked if she wish to continue as the Chair of the FNLA.

7. Discussion of Proposals for the Future

The Meetings and study afternoons will continue to be held twice a year. The possibility of visiting other archives in the local area was discussed and it was agreed the visits could be combined with the summer FNLA meeting. Friends were also asked if they could suggest any research areas for future study afternoon. Suggestions included nursery education, educational reform, physical education, and international and comparative education.

The Friends were also asked how they would like to spend the FNLA funds. It was agreed £2000 would be put towards employing a student to list the SCC and exam papers collections. It was also proposed that the funds could be used to transfer audio visual materials onto readable formats. It was agreed that this would be investigated and costs would be presented to the next meeting. It was also agreed that any project supported by the FNLA would acknowledge their support. Natalie Zara talked about the possibility of a new recruitment drive for more members. As there are currently no student members it was agreed that there was a need to add more benefits for student members.

8. Any Other Business

No other business was recorded.