

# International Glaciological Society British Branch

## Minutes from 2012 Annual General Meeting

School of Geosciences, University of Aberdeen, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012

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President: Jemma Wadham (JLW, Chair)  
Vice-President: Edward King (ECK)  
Secretary: Robert Bingham (RGB)  
Treasurer: John Woodward (JW)  
IGS Head Office: Magnús Magnusson (MMM)

Meeting commenced 13:30.

1. Apologies – none recorded.
2. Matters arising from previous meeting – none.
3. Treasurer's report.
  - a) JW reported that the IGSBB account had increased from the previous year, with a balance of £2,982.35. The surplus from the previous year was derived from the 2011 annual meeting at the British Antarctic Survey, which had recorded large numbers of participants.
  - b) In general, the IGSBB has spent little over the last ten years. JW noted that in the past, small amounts were made available to support the attendance of younger members at the annual meeting, but with the expanded number of such members this model has been difficult to sustain.
  - c) JW suggested that maintenance of a contingency of approximately £2000 is desirable, especially in the event that an annual meeting runs at an unexpected deficit. While the present balance is slightly up on this figure, JW suggested that the model of minimal spend be maintained. No suggestions were made to the contrary.
4. Future British Branch meetings.
  - a. The following future IGSBB meetings were confirmed:  
2013 – Loughborough  
2014 – Bristol
  - b. Southampton remains pencilled in for 2015, contingent on the ongoing willingness of this institution to host the meeting by the time of next year's meeting.
  - c. Richard Hodgkins confirmed that bookings in Loughborough University have already been made for IGSBB 2013 to be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

> **ACTION:** Richard Hodgkins to check proposed dates of IGSBB 2013 with National Committee for Antarctic Research (NCAR, Secretary Kathryn Rose) to avoid clash with NCAR Arctic Meeting 2013 (see item 6b, below).

5. Election of Officers

- a. There is no change to the positions of IGSBB President, Vice-President and Secretary, with JLW, ECK and RGB respectively continuing in these roles.
- b. JW, having served as Treasurer since 2003, stated that he was happy to remain as Treasurer but equally happy to pass on the role to a willing successor.

A willing successor was identified as Richard Hodgkins, who was proposed by JW and seconded by Martyn Tranter.

JLW thanked JW for his many years of excellent service to IGSBB in this capacity.

6. AOB

- a. JLW discussed the status of the IGSBB website. A few years before this had been maintained by the University of Leeds, but the site has now not been updated for a long time. With the model of hosting the website in university groups seeming vulnerable to academic movements, JLW asked MMM whether the IGS itself might consider hosting a British Branch website. MMM responded that the Nordic Branch has approached IGS Head Office in a similar capacity.

> **ACTION:** JLW and MMM to continue liaising over set up of BB website at igsoc.org

- b. RGB voiced the concerns of several IGSBB members that a new series of meetings on Arctic and Antarctic science is now occurring every September, and that the existence of these meetings may clash with IGSBB, or, even if there is not a direct clash, endanger IGSBB numbers by members with limited funding/time choosing to attend only the other meeting in future years. The Arctic and Antarctic meetings, organised by the National Committee for Antarctic Research (NCAR), begin this year with the UK Antarctic Science Conference hosted by the British Antarctic Survey (12-14<sup>th</sup> September), and are conceived as having an alternating Arctic/Antarctic flavour each year thereafter, with a proposed Arctic meeting being held in Leeds in 2013.

Kathryn Rose, secretary of NCAR, offered to liaise with IGSBB over avoiding future date clashes between IGSBB and future NCAR conferences. Richard Hodgkins, as organiser of IGSBB 2013, is the first point of contact for next year.

7. IGS Head Office report (MMM)

- a. Starting in 2013, due to increasing pressures, *Journal of Glaciology* and *Annals of Glaciology* will have compulsory page charges for authors. MMM stressed that, relative to equivalent journals, IGS rates will be extremely competitive.
- b. *Journal of Glaciology* impact factor for 2012 is 2.3, a mild drop in the previous year but still reflecting a long-term rise. *Annals of Glaciology* is now recording an impact factor of 1.8.
- c. IGS International Symposia are now being planned for 2017 and beyond.
- d. Looking ahead, MMM suggested that IGS are considering weaning conference organisers and attendees off hardcopy copies of *Annals* associated with future meetings. The IGS is also in the early stages of investigating how the *Journal* and *Annals* will operate in the Open-Access world. Neil Glasser (seconded by Martyn Tranter) stated a strong preference for IGS members receiving favourable page-charge rates in future.
- e. IGS President Doug MacAyeal commented that the *Journal/Annals of Glaciology* editorial policy remains distinct from that of, e.g. *The Cryosphere* and AGU Journals. No change to this policy is foreseen, as it is probably a good thing that different journals have different policies, giving choice to submitters.
- f. John Glen delivered thanks to IGS Council for bestowing on the British Branch the honour of hosting the award of the Seligman Crystal to Professor David Sugden.

Meeting closed at 14:15.