

# International Glaciological Society British Branch

## Minutes from 2014 Annual General Meeting

School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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President: Edward King (ECK, Chair)  
Vice-President: Chris Stokes (CRS)  
Secretary: Robert Bingham (RGB)  
Outgoing Treasurer: Richard Hodgkins (RH)  
Incoming Treasurer: Nick Rutter (NJR)  
IGS Head Office: Magnús Magnusson (MMM)  
Ex-President: Jemma Wadham (JLW)

Meeting commenced 12:15.

1. ECK opened AGM by reminding members of the reasons for the annual meetings of the IGS British Branch:
  - a. to form the focal point of each year for UK glaciologists to meet with each other and present the latest findings; and
  - b. to support early-career researchers in our community.

It is therefore vitally important for our community that IGS British Branch Meetings continue to be vibrant and well attended by senior researchers.

In this context, the organisers at Bristol were praised for putting together an excellent meeting with a strong diversity of people and presentations.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record, with all matters arising there having been considered dealt with.
3. Treasurer's report.
  - a. RH reported no change in the IGSBB account from the previous year's balance of £2,982.35. Essentially no financial transactions have taken place over the last 2 years. RH reminded members that the main purpose of the account is for contingency (c.f. more details from Treasurer's Report 2013). This policy is open to review at any time and suggestions for a different use were invited.
  - b. Effective from this meeting, RH will stand down as IGSBB Treasurer. Nick Rutter (NJR) was proposed as new Treasurer. No objections were raised.
  - c. NJR's first task will be to change the signatories on the IGSBB account to reflect the current composition of the committee. Largely for reasons of convenience these names have not changed for years, and it is believed that they are still Tony Payne and Anne-Marie Nuttall.

> **ACTION** NJR and/or RH to coordinate changing of IGSBB account signatories.

4. Future British Branch meetings.
  - a. CRS confirmed Durham University's willingness to host the 2015 IGSBB. Early September was proposed as the likely meeting date, retaining temporal separation from the IGS' International Symposium being held in Cambridge 17-21 August 2015. [As of 18 March 2015, CRS advises IGSBB meeting dates of 2-3 Sept 2015.]
  - b. ECK proposed the meeting accepts Jane Hart's offer to host IGS at Southampton in 2016. No objections were raised.
  - c. Future meetings are proposed to continue the general model of alternating hosting between geographically more southerly and northerly locations around the UK each year. Names in the hat for 2017 (north) are

Leeds, Northumberland and York, while for 2018 (south) Exeter has been proposed. The venues for 2017 and possibly 2018 are to be finalised at the 2015 AGM.

5. Election of Officers

- a. Being in the middle of most committee members' 2-year terms, no changes were made, apart from NJR taking over from RH as Treasurer (item 3b above).

> **ACTION** NJR rather than RH as Treasurer to be updated on the new IGSBB webpages.

6. AOB

None.

7. IGS Head Office report (MMM)

- a. MMM reported that IGS undertook a survey of members over summer 2014, with a formal report in *Ice* and on the IGS website to follow. Discussions with members at, for example, the 2014 IGS Symposium in Chamonix, underscored the requirement for IGS to maximise the exposure of IGS-published articles.
- b. MMM is in discussion with IGS Council about future IGS Membership rates. For reasons of cost, the Council wishes to eliminate in due course hardcopies of *Journal* and *Annals of Glaciology*. From 2015 IGS will no longer offer hardcopies of its journals as part of the membership fee, but for a transitional period it will still supply those libraries that wish it, and those members paying an optional extra fee, with hardcopies.
- c. MMM noted that the planned 2014 Symposium in Alberta had had to be cancelled after receiving too few abstracts. This was probably due to many other relevant meetings occurring in August 2014, but underscored the possibility that IGS may need to improve its advertising methods.
- d. 2014 international IGS symposia will be held in Kathmandu (March 2015), Iceland (June 2015), Cambridge (August 2015).
- e. Early plans are in place for IGS international symposia in California, Chile? (2016), New Zealand, Colorado (2017), Sweden (2018), Japan (2018/19) and Winnipeg (2020). Other possibilities are actively being worked upon.

Meeting closed at 12:40.