

International Glaciological Society British Branch

Minutes from 2016 Annual General Meeting

Geography and Environment, University of Southampton, 8th September 2016

President: Chris Stokes (CRS, Chair)
Vice-President: Robert Bingham (RGB)
Secretary: Anne Le Brocq (ALB)
Treasurer: Nick Rutter (NJR)
IGS Head Office: Magnús Magnusson (MMM)
Ex-President: Edward King (ECK)

Meeting commenced 12:00pm.

1. ECK and RGB sent apologies. CRS chaired the AGM, opening the meeting by reminding members of the statutes of the IGSBB, including the purpose of the British Branch Meeting, and requested members to consider other ways in which the statutes could be fulfilled. CRS also reminded members of the composition of the IGSBB committee, positions as noted above. Congratulations were given to Liz Morris for receiving the Richardson Medal, and thanks to Jane Hart and the organisers for organising a successful meeting at Southampton.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record, with all matters arising there having been considered dealt with, with the exception of placing the statutes of the IGSBB on the website. This matter is in hand, the overall IGS website is currently being updated, and it is proposed to add further information to the site such as previous meeting locations and award winners.

> **ACTION** CRS to liaise with IGS Head Office about adding information to the IGS BB website.

3. Treasurer's report.
NJR reported negligible change in the IGSBB account from the previous year's balance. The current balance is £2,887.17. £100 had been spent of student prizes since the previous year.
4. Future British Branch meetings.
 - a. Next year's (2017) meeting will be hosted by Lancaster University, Amber Leeson (host) has booked facilities for the Wed 6th Sept - Thurs 7th Sept. It was confirmed that Exeter would host the 2018 meeting.
 - b. CRS suggested that we should not confirm any dates further ahead than this, but noted that Northumbria, York and Newcastle had offered to host the meeting in the future, and the 2019 venue should be decided at the next AGM in Lancaster.
 - c. Geoff Evatt indicated that Manchester might also be interested in hosting the meeting in the future.
 - d. CRS indicated that we need to be careful to coordinate with other meetings that happen at a similar time, such as the BSG meeting.

> **ACTION** CRS and RGB on hand to help with arrangements and organisation for the 2017 meeting in Lancaster

5. Election of Officers
A new Vice President will need to be elected at the next AGM, as the current Vice President moves to become President. CRS asked for people to consider putting themselves forward for the role by speaking to a committee member.

> **ACTION** CRS and RGB to help solicit nominations for the role of VP in preparation for the 2017 AGM

6. IGS Head Office report (MMM)

- a. The IGS is now in collaboration with Cambridge University Press (CUP) for the publication of the IGS journals, which now follow the Gold Open Access route. It has been a long process, having implications for the production of the IGS journals and for staff previously employed in the IGS office. The first issue published in the new system came out at the end of February, there had been some problems, but most issues have now been ironed out. The remaining IGS staff members will move to an office at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge.
- b. The *Journal of Glaciology* Chief Editor Jo Jacka has stepped down from his post at the end of 2015 and has been replaced by a team of 5: Graham Cogley as Chief Editor, Perry Bartelt, Sérgio Faria, Hester Jiskoot and Frank Pattyn as Associate Chief Editors.
- c. The IGS Council decided that all archives of the Journals should be made freely available. CUP are in the process of moving this across from Ingenta, however, this will not happen immediately due to existing subscriptions that institutional libraries have. This archive will stay with Ingenta until the end of this year.
- d. Published articles will be made available in an xml/html format as well as pdf for viewing across multi-platforms, as sites such as Google Scholar promote sites that use this format.
- e. The only IGS Symposium held this year was in La Jolla, California, USA, entitled "International Symposium on Interactions of Ice Sheets and Glaciers with the Ocean". Forthcoming IGS international symposia include Feb 2017 in Wellington, NZ, entitled "International Symposium on the Cryosphere in a Changing Climate" co-hosted by IACS/CLIC, July 2017 in Boulder, USA entitled "International Symposium on Polar Ice, Polar Climate, Polar Change: Remote sensing advances in understanding the cryosphere" and March 2018 in Kyoto, Japan, entitled "International Symposium on Cryosphere and Biosphere". Other future proposed symposiums locations include China, Durham (UK), Liege (Belgium), Chile, Austin (USA), Potsdam (Germany), Winnipeg (Canada), Stanford (USA), Wisconsin (USA), Chile and Sweden.

7. AOB

Liz Morris has a full set of the *Journal of Glaciology* that belonged to Hal Lister, due to office space constraints she no longer has room for them, if anyone would like to have them, they should contact her.

Meeting closed at 12.25pm.