

International Glaciological Society British Branch

Minutes from 2017 Annual General Meeting

Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University, 7th September 2017

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

Meeting commenced 12:30.

1. AMLB and ECK sent apologies; RGB recorded the minutes.
CRS opened the meeting by reminding members of the composition of the IGSSB committee, positions as noted above. This was relevant to the election of new officers, the main business of this year's AGM.
 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.
NJR reported negligible change in the IGSSB account from the previous year's balance. The current balance is £2,787.17. Immediately after the meeting £100 was paid out of the account to the 2017 John Glen Prize recipients, £50 each to Alejandra Urra (Bristol; best poster) and Frances Butcher (Open University; best talk).
 4. Future British Branch meetings.
 - a. Next year's (2018) meeting will be hosted by the University of Exeter, with AMLB as the lead. A date is to be confirmed, preferably avoiding clashes with, e.g. British Society for Geomorphology and a UK Antarctic conference.
 - b. University of York / host David Rippin were provisionally approved for the 2019 meeting, pending confirmation at the IGSSB 2018 AGM.
 - c. Northumbria University / John Woodward made the case for hosting in 2020, potential in a combined meeting with the British Society for Geomorphology meeting that they are already in line to host that year.
 - d. University of Manchester and University of Birmingham also volunteered as potential hosts in the near future.
- > **ACTION** RGB (as President, see item 5 below) to follow up arrangements with AMLB / Exeter on timing of 2018 IGSSB Meeting.
5. a. CRS reminded the meeting that the IGSSB has long-running statutes on its committee composition, which are restated here as follows:
After each 2-year term in office, normal practice is that:
 - i. The President continues on the committee for the next 2-years as "Ex-President" and continues to be consulted re IGSSB affairs.
 - ii. The Vice-President (VP) assumes the role of President *ex officio*.
 - iii. A new Vice-President is elected.
 - iv. The roles of Treasurer and Secretary are renewed by the incumbents or new parties as the AGM agrees.

- b. Following 5a above, RGB was elected as President for the following 2-year term, effective from the meeting. CRS remains on the Committee as Ex-President.
- c. AMLB was proposed as VP by Jane Hart, seconded by CRS, and was duly elected effective from the meeting.
- d. Amber Leeson was proposed as Secretary by RGB, seconded by AMLB, and was duly elected effective from the meeting.
- e. Nick Rutter agreed to continue as Treasurer; the meeting agreed.

- f. CRS noted, not for the first time, that all members of the IGSBB should consider themselves for future election.

> **ACTION** MMM to update IGSBB website to reflect new committee composition.

6. IGS Head Office report (MMM)

- a. The IGS Head Office has now passed its first year since being relocated to the British Antarctic Survey building in Cambridge. This is now working well, after the initial complications of moving from the headquarters the society had occupied for over a quarter of a century. Though the Head Office now has to rent some storage space, overall the move has recouped savings.
- b. IGS is now in its second year of publishing through Cambridge University Press. At the time of the AGM, there have been some ongoing delays transferring the IGS archive of articles in *Journal* and *Annals of Glaciology*, and members were reminded that if they have any problems obtaining papers they can contact the Head Office for a copy, who can send a pdf.
- c. 2017 has seen two very successful international symposia held in Wellington, New Zealand (~220 people) and Colorado (~150 people).
- d. Forthcoming IGS international symposia include Kyoto (Cryosphere and Biosphere, March 2018), Buffalo (Timescales, Processes and Ice-Sheet Changes, June 2018), , Madison (Erosion and Sedimentation, May 2019), Stanford (Radioglaciology, June 2019), Winnipeg (Sea Ice, August 2019), Chandigarh (Glacial Lake Outburst Floods, Sept 2018), Durham (Ice-Stream Dynamics, Aug/Sept 2020), La Jolla (Ice-Ocean Interactions, summer 2021) and Valdivia (Southern Hemisphere Glaciers, Sept 2021). Venues that are also in the possible pipeline include Potsdam, Austin, Liege (sea ice) and Sweden. More details are updated on the IGS website.
- e. At the time of reporting, IGS membership is ~800 members, down from ~1100 in recent years. The likely cause of this is the lost incentive of membership brought about by the society's publishing change. The IGS is now looking at a strategy of lowering membership rates but also seeking other ideas for incentivising membership. RGB asked about the possibility of IGSBB considering some new awards for early-career scientists. MMM responded that there are the meeting-based prizes, e.g. John Glen Prize, but RGB suggested that there could be a scheme beyond the meetings that rewards some members for excellent research. MMM suggested to put this idea in writing to the IGS Awards Committee.
- f. The IGS Awards Committee has been revamped and is actively seeking award nominations.
- g. *Journal* and *Annals of Glaciology* both substantially increased their impact factors in 2017. Both journals experienced a slight drop in submissions last year (2016) but they are catching up to previous rates this year (2017). The drop in 2016 may be related to a temporary consumer uncertainty related to the publisher switch.
- h. MMM suggested that the IGS website may be receiving some attention shortly, and that each regional branch's website may see some revamping.

> **ACTION** RGB to write to IGS Awards Committee about IGS Early Career Prize.

7. AOB
None.

Meeting closed at 13:00.