

# International Glaciological Society British Branch

## Minutes from 2018 Annual General Meeting

Geography, University of Exeter, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

Meeting commenced 10.20am.

1. RGB chaired the AGM, opening the meeting by reminding members of the constitution of the IGSBB, and asked MMM if the constitution had been put on the IGS website – MMM to follow up. RGB summarised the composition of the IGSBB committee, positions as noted above, and reiterated that the pattern is for the VP to move to P after a term of 2 years, so ALB would succeed RGB as President in Sept 2019. NJR stated that he is happy to continue in the position of Treasurer, and the same assurance will be sought from AAL (see point 2).
2. CRS and AAL sent apologies.
3. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.
4. Treasurer's report.
  - a. NJR reported negligible change in the IGSBB account from the previous year's balance. The current balance is £2,687.17. £100 had been spent of student prizes since the previous year.
  - b. There was a discussion around using some of the funds to support student attendance at British Branch Meetings. Rachel Carr suggested that Masters students in particular are put off the meetings because of the cost, and suggested a 3 tier system for registration, rather than the 2 at present. Harold Lovell added that 'unwaged PhD students' would also find it difficult to afford the conference. MMM suggested that the full fee could be raised by a small amount, but ALB suggested that this would make organising the budget of a conference difficult.
5. Future British Branch meetings.
  - a. RGB stated that unfortunately York have had to withdraw their offer for 2019, Northumbria who were pencilled in for 2020 are happy to step in for 2019. Nick Rutter agreed to chair the organising committee.
  - b. RGB summarised expressions of interest for future meetings so far, previously Birmingham (Nick Barrand – not in attendance), Manchester (Geoff Evatt – not in attendance) and Newcastle (Rachel Carr – present and confirmed interest at meeting). RGB asked for further expressions of interest from those present, including putting Edinburgh forward potentially in 2020. Ian Hewitt indicated that Oxford may be interested, but he would need to check this with others.
  - c. There was a discussion around clashes with the UK Arctic/Antarctic meetings and a continuing need to coordinate. It was also noted that the 2018 meeting clashed with a NCEO/CPOM meeting, and the need to factor coordination with this meeting into deciding dates.
6. AOB
  - a. The annual report of the IGS will be given in the main IGS AGM later in the day.

b. RGB raised a concern that there was once a UKPN session attached to the British Branch, but this hasn't happened recently. RGB asked if there are glaciologists active in the UKPN. Kate Winter suggested that the UKPN has been more focussed on outreach, than setting up meetings. MMM stated that the IGS is forming a committee of Early Career Glaciologists – a terms of reference document (ToR) has been produced.

Meeting closed at 10.40am.