

International Glaciological Society British Branch

Minutes from 2019 Annual General Meeting

Geography and Environmental Sciences, Northumbria University, 4th September 2019

President: Robert Bingham (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 15.30.

1. ALB chaired the AGM and opened the meeting. RGB and MMM sent apologies.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.
3. Treasurer's report.
 - a. NJR reported that the current balance is £3,087.17. £100 had been spent of student prizes since the previous year and £500 had been received from Exeter. The £500 from Exeter is underspend associated with the British Branch meeting held in Exeter in 2018. ALB reassured the meeting that this was a result of sponsorship received after the meeting, as opposed to an underspend against registration fees.
 - b. Last meeting, it was suggested that an additional tier be added to the registration rates for the meeting to cover 'unwaged students'. This has been adopted for this year's meeting and NJR reported that this was successful in attracting this demographic. There was appetite in the meeting to continue this format in subsequent years.
 - c. This money is usually held in reserve to help out if a British Branch meeting were ever to unexpectedly go over budget, however ALB mentioned that this money could also be made available for use, for example, to pay for Early Career activities at meetings.
4. Election of Officers.
 - a. 2019 marks the end of a presidential cycle. This year CRS rotates off the committee as ex-president. ALB formally expressed thanks to Chris for his service on behalf of the committee. RGB rotates from President to Ex-President and ALB steps up to President from Vice-President effective from this meeting.
 - b. Rachel Carr was nominated by Jon Woodward to the post of Vice-President, the nomination was seconded by Chris Stokes and accepted by Rachel. Rachel is thereby duly elected to the post effective from this meeting.
 - c. In 2019 we are creating a committee post for an early career representative. The intention behind this is to encourage support and events for early career researchers (ECRs) at and beyond British Branch meetings.
 - d. NJR nominated Rebecca Schlegel to this post, AAL seconded and Rebecca accepted. Rebecca is duly accepted to the post effective from this meeting.
 - e. Liz Morris noted that the statutes of the society may need to be changed to accommodate this new post.

ACTION -> ALB, as incoming president, to review the statutes in conjunction with MMM before next meeting.

5. Future British Branch meetings.

- a. Edinburgh is proposed and confirmed as the venue for next year's meeting. Edinburgh will also host the 2020 UK Antarctic Meeting and so plan to co-schedule the two events. It was noted that this is slightly out of sync with the ambition to rotate meetings between the North and South, but that this decision makes sense given the plan to co-schedule. Indicative dates are the first week of September 2020, in keeping with the usual timing of the British Branch meeting.
- b. It was determined that the 2021 meeting should be in the South if possible. Potential candidates are Oxford (Ian Hewitt) and Birmingham (Nick Barrand), both of whom have expressed an interest in the past. ALB also approached Tavi Murray prior to the AGM to ask if Swansea were open to hosting a future meeting, this conversation is ongoing.
- c. Rachel Carr confirmed that Newcastle are keen to host a meeting, potentially in 2022 if it is not deemed too soon to come back to the city. Doug Mair via David Ashmore also nominated Liverpool.

ACTION - > ALB, as incoming president, to contact the hosts of these potential future venues in advance of the Edinburgh meeting with a view to having the venue for 2021 lined up ready to approve.

6. Head office report

- a. In the absence of MMM colleagues were advised that the IGS website contains a good summary of IGS business. CRS reminded the meeting that there will be an IGS Symposium in Durham next July on Ice Streams and Outlet Glaciers. ALB briefly loaded up the IGS website on-screen and went through the list of other forthcoming events.

7. AOB

- a. Rachel Carr expressed thanks to the meeting organisers for introducing the three-tiered pricing structure.
- b. AAL raised an item raised by RGB at the meeting in Lancaster as a potentially outstanding action item. At this meeting RGB had suggested the British Branch/IGS consider offering an Early Career prize aimed at post-docs/early career lecturers. NJR queried the nature of the prize and AAL thought that the intention was that the prize would be ceremonial rather than monetary. Colleagues agreed to keep this item alive through the minutes to be reviewed at a later date.
- c. James Lea reminded colleagues that he is the UK correspondent to the World Glacier Monitoring Service and was nominated to this position by the IGS. In this capacity he informed colleagues that he will shortly be circulating a call for data including observations of SMB, glacier fronts and glacier lengths. He also reminded colleagues that the UK Arctic Science meeting will be held next week and that a discussion will be held at this meeting about future priorities for UK Arctic and Antarctic Science.

Meeting closed at 16:05 pm