

# International Glaciological Society British Branch

## Minutes from 2021 Annual General Meeting

Cyberspace, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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President:	Anne Le Brocq (AMLB)
Vice-President:	Rachel Carr (JRC)
Secretary [also representing IGS Council]:	Amber Leeson (AAL)
Treasurer:	Nick Rutter (NJR)
Early-Career Representative:	Rebecca Schlegel (RS)
Ex-President [also representing IGS Council]:	Robert Bingham (RGB)
IGS Head Office:	Magnús Magnusson (MMM)

Meeting commenced 15:00.

1. AMLB chaired; JRC and AAL sent apologies; RGB took the minutes.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.  
AMLB noted that the revised statutes of the British Branch agreed at the previous meeting are now posted on the British Branch website.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. NJR reported that the current balance is £5279.47.
  - b. The only spend over the year was £100 on the John Glen Prizes from the 2020 Virtual meeting.
  - c. The funds continue to exist as a reserve primarily if a future British Branch meeting were ever to go unexpectedly over budget, but there is scope to use some of the funds for any activities the Branch would like to support.
4. Evolution of British Branch Committee and international representation
  - a. AMLB thanked outgoing officers:
    - i. RGB for completing 10 years' service on the IGSBB committee (2011-15 as Secretary; 2015-17 as Vice-President; 2017-19 as President and 2019-21 as Ex-President and representative of IGS Council)
    - ii. RS for completing her service as the British Branch's first Early-Career Representative (2019-21)
  - b. Following the British Branch statutes, JRC was inaugurated as President for the next 2 years, effective from the meeting, with AMLB remaining on the committee over the same term *ex officio*.
  - c. Tom Cowton was proposed as Vice President (2021-23, hence President 2023-25) by Ian Hewitt, seconded by Douglas Mair, and was duly elected effective from the meeting.
  - d. AAL and NJR will continue in their respective roles as Secretary and Treasurer. AAL will also remain as representative of IGS Council to the British Branch.
  - e. Lauren Rawlins was proposed as Early Career Representative by Mike Prior-Jones, seconded by Rebecca Schlegel, and was duly elected effective from the meeting.

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

- f. AMLB raised that for many years the IGS has had a UK correspondent and a British representative to the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics' International Association of Cryospheric Sciences (IUGG-IASC). Bryn Hubbard has fulfilled both of these roles for at least the last two decades, in the case of the UK correspondent role since 1995 (see item 7. AOB from 2020 IGSBB AGM minutes). AMLB thanked Bryn for his dedication.

In terms of the roles going forwards:

- i. Isabel Nias was nominated as UK representative to IUGG-IASC, which was supported by the meeting, and hence is effective from the meeting.
- ii. Sammie Buzzard was nominated to be UK Correspondent to the IGS, which was supported by the meeting. This nomination will be taken forward to IGS Council for ratification.

> **ACTION** MMM to take forward UK Correspondent nomination to IGS Council.

#### 5. IGS Head Office Report

- New portal on IGS website created to make registration easier.
- Free mailing list for UK members being created.
- IGS has not had Symposium since 2019.
- Future symposia now being planned for Bilbao, Juneau, Iceland, Davos.
- There is a need for a physical in-person meeting to be able to push through changes in the IGS constitution. Hoping this may be able to happen in Oslo.
- Publication of Journal and Annals going well – revenue from CUP over the last year for the Society at a record high.

#### 6. Future British Branch meetings

- a. The 2022 meeting will be hosted by the University of Edinburgh alongside the 2022 UK Antarctic Science Conference, in effect carrying through the original intention for 2020. Edinburgh plan for this to be in the usual early September week. If in-person proves impossible with a resurgence of travel restrictions, the hosts will take responsibility for hosting an online meeting.
- b. The venue for the 2023 meeting is still to be determined. The likely candidates are listed in item 6d below.
- c. AMLB proposed to the meeting that the 2024 British Branch meeting be held at the University of Birmingham, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inaugural IGS British Branch meeting at the same institution, instigated by John Glen, Nick Barrand will be first contact for this.
- d. Interest in hosting future meetings has been expressed by:
  - JRC for Newcastle University
  - Liz Bagshaw for Cardiff University
  - Ian Hewitt for University of Oxford

The above three venues plus Birmingham had all previously noted interest in hosting future meetings at the 2019 IGSBB AGM

> **ACTION** JRC and RGB to liaise over planning 2022 meeting in Edinburgh

> **ACTION** JRC, as incoming president, to check in with AMLB on what has been discussed with Newcastle, Cardiff and Oxford, with a view to having a venue for 2023 lined up ready to approve for the 2022 AGM.

#### 7. AOB

The meeting thanked AMLB for her service to the IGS British Branch Committee over the last four years as Vice President then President.

Meeting closed 15:20.