

Purpose: **AGM Business Meeting**  
Attendees: **Committee and BSRG membership** (meeting is quorate)  
Location: **BSRG AGM - Heriot Watt**

### **President's overview:**

JE welcomed the membership to the Business meeting and congratulated the 2018 convenors on an excellent AGM.

JE spoke about the Awards Trust and the procedures for its setup. Application for charity Trust status is nearly completed. Completion of the documentation for the new Trust is being delayed slightly to coincide with the election of the new Secretary and Awards Officer.

### **Awards Secretary**

ES outlined all of the awards nominees and winners.

ES also spoke about issues raised over inclusivity of the nominees and award recipients. It was highlighted that the Perce Allen awards has never been awarded to a women.

ES: wants to encourage the inclusion of all worthy nominees. ES introduced the idea of voting system (either as a committee only or membership only or both). ES opened discussion with the assembled membership.

Comments and questions from the membership:

1. A comment was made about how other sister organisations process awards decisions.
2. It was suggested a larger award decision body could be formed that is more diverse in membership, and such a body could be involved in the awards process.
3. Question over number of votes received for the current awardees. It was noted that ~150 members voted for the Perce Allen (~50% of attendees at the AGM).
4. A question was asked over using IAS and SEPM to help disseminate the awards call.
5. Question over casting a wider net including people that haven't been involved in the organisation.
6. A comment was made about early career members nominating people for awards, as it was perceived as something more senior members would/should do.

*\*\*\*The membership agreed for the committee to establish a new process for awards.*

### **Outreach**

YS provided an overview of the Society social media and general outreach activities.

Facebook – 808 people. 70% men 30% women

Twitter – 1326. 60% men 40% women. 42% UK, 18% USA, 2% India, 2% Canada, 2% Ireland

BSRG Blog – Lists the PG fieldwork/workshops in more detail.

### **PG Activities**

The PG Reps provided an overview of their workshops and fieldtrips this year:

Permian of NE England – Maurice Tucker and Michael Mawson (leaders). Sandstone Petrography & diagenesis – Iris Verhagen. 22 Participants.

Siliciclastic and Carbonate Seds Luistanian Basin – Matthew Wattkin. Portugal. 24 participants.

Plans for next year – National / International fieldtrip? February Palynology workshop in Aberdeen?

Outgoing members of the PG group are thanked for their fantastic work.

### **Finances Report**

AO provided an overview of the Society accounts – both of which are healthy.

Highlighted the need to make international payments and the incidental cost to the account as a result.

*\*\*\*membership accepted the need to make international payments\*\*\**

AO: highlighted the issues over cancellations for PG activities – especially given the great work they've been doing.

AO: general society financial health is good. Newcastle AGM convenors were thanked for their large surplus.

### **Elections**

OW held the voting stage of the election process.

OW received information from members that Emma Morris wished to withdraw her nomination for the secretary role. OW outlined that this withdrawal of nomination came from a credible source and requested permission from the membership to move forward taking this into account.

*\*\*\* (Post Business meeting, OW spoke to Emma Morris and it was indeed her intention to withdraw from the election process) \*\*\**

As such, OW conducted both the Secretary and Awards Officer roles as if they were unopposed and asked for a simple show of hands vote from the assembled membership.

OW also led the process of electing Sarah Cobain as a new Industry Representative.

*\*\*\*Hazel Beaumont and Sanem Acikalin were elected as Secretary and Awards Officer respectively.\*\*\**

*\*\*\*Sarah Cobain was elected as an Industry Representative\*\*\**

### **2019 AGM**

Amy Gough represented the 2019 Royal Holloway convenors and delivered an introduction to likely events and workshops at the next AGM.

### **2020 AGM**

JE: canvassed interest for 2020 AGM convenors.

### **SEPM**

Gary Nichols delivered some information on SEPM activities.

- It included outlining SEPM's global interests, and that it wasn't confined to just North America.
- Outlined the various activities of SEPM.
- SEPM can provide logistical support for running research meetings.
- Contact Gary Nichols if someone in the BSRG wants to deliver a workshop / fieldtrip at the 2020 congress meeting

- It was also highlighted that SEPM can support students via grants and travel awards – though they must be a member.

#### **IAS presentation**

- Outlined the various membership fees.
- Special lecture tour – Rachel Wood, Chris Fielding Adrian Immenhauser
- Special publications – Fluvial Meanders & their products.
- Outlined grants.

#### **AOB**

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