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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023**

**Wednesday 6 September**

**12:45 - University of Edinburgh and Online via Zoom**

**64 attendees in person; 14 attendees online**

### **MINUTES**

1. Apologies for absence:
  - Katy Kemble - BSG Co-Chair
  - Catherine Sanders – Research Committee secretary
  - Hywel Griffiths – Outreach Committee Chair
  - Rob Ferguson
  - Janet Hooke
2. 2023 Awards. Heather Viles announced the following Fiona Kirkby Awards that were not announced at the Annual Meeting Awards ceremony:
  - Katy Burrows, Geosciences Environment Toulouse, France
  - Rebecca Hodge, Durham University, UK
  - Evan Miles, WSL, Switzerland
  - Steffen Mischke, University of Iceland, Iceland
  - Annette Patton, University of Oregon, USA
  - Simon Stephenson, University of Oxford, UK
  - Daniel White , Colorado State University, USA
  - Vincent Godard, Aix-Marseille Université, France
3. Minutes of the last meeting (7 September 2022, Northumbria University and online via Teams) (**Paper 1**). Nominated by Heather Viles, seconded by Annie Ockelford. Approved.
4. Appointments (no election necessary this year)

- i. Standing for Junior Vice Chair, 2023-24:  
Chris Hackney (**Paper 2**)  
Nominated Annie Ockelford, seconded Josh Ahmed
  - ii. Standing for Membership Secretary (cooped by Executive Committee)  
Josh Ahmed  
Approved
  - iii. Standing for Vice Chair, Publications and Communications; 2023-24:  
Stuart Grieve (**Paper 3**)  
Nominated Lizzie Dingle, seconded Andreas Lang
  - iv. Standing for Secretary; 2024-24:  
Vacant
4. Richard Jeffries (BSG Co-Chair) presented the AGM presentation (**Paper 4**), including sub-committee updates. Items to note include:
- Members are encouraged to submit applications to the 2023 Marjorie Sweeting Award
  - Thank you to Lizzie Dingle for keeping the Publications and Communication committee running whilst a new Vice Chair was appointed.
  - The Postgraduate Forum is recruiting new members; please get in touch with David Whitfield <d.whitfield@lboro.ac.uk> if you are interested.
  - An expression of interest to assist with the Windsor Workshop is open, please contact Lucy Clarke Lucy.Clarke@ntu.ac.uk
5. Update from ESPL Editor (Prof Stuart Lane)
- A presentation (summarised in **Paper 5**) on ESPL was given. The focus was on the relationship between the BSG and Wiley. At the end of the presentation, the following was emphasized:
- BSG should prepare for possible financial changes arising from changes associated with the ESPL Open Access model and a future BSG-Wiley contract
  - Cuchlaine King Symposium themes will be chosen by the local BSG Annual Meeting organising committee and will aim to result in an ESPL Special Issue
  - BSG members are encouraged to propose ESPL Special Issues
- One question from the membership on the graph showing the global distribution of authors submitting manuscripts was answered.
6. New chair
- Louise Callard introduced herself to members. She thanked Richard Jeffries and Katy Kemble for their leadership of the BSG over the last year, exemplified by the improvements to the BSG's website. Over the next year she envisages focusing upon:
- EDI
  - Communications Strategy
  - Ensuring that core functions of BSG operate effectively during the post-pandemic "business as normal" period
  - Diversifying and strengthening the BSG's financial future

Louise Callard encouraged members to promote the geomorphological work that they undertake both to BSG members and wider society.

## 7. AOB

Discussion of statement of strategy and progression of the BSG (Brian Whalley)

- Requested a funding scheme (e.g. £1000 for 5 years) for enhanced fieldwork learning, in a similar manner to the Higher Education Academy and British Ecology Society and the previous GEES scheme. Outreach and Education scheme.
- It is important how the BSG implements its Strategy. Brian encouraged international online conferences led by the BSG.

Heather Viles (President)

- Thanked all members of the Executive Committee past, present and future for their work this year.