

30th August 2024

To whom it may concern,

Application for the role of Honorary Treasurer

I would like to be considered for the role of Honorary Treasurer for the British Society for Geomorphology Executive Committee and believe that my skills and experiences align with the role and responsibilities.

I pay close attention to detail and have the skills necessary to manage accounts, track expenditures and ensure that financial records are accurate. I have experience of recording transactions with supporting documentation through PI roles on research projects (e.g., detailing items of income and expenditure for a fellowship budget from the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure). This involved liaising with Project and Finance Coordinators at the University of Glasgow to complete quarterly reporting required by the funder. I have experience of reporting on quantitative data, which should be transferable to financial reporting. Although my knowledge of accounting principles and practices is more limited, I would aim to quickly develop these areas by maximising the opportunity to learn from the outgoing Honorary Treasurer during the shadowing and handover period.

I have the organisational skills necessary to keep records and manage my time effectively. I would plan for regular periods of increased activity (e.g., preparation of draft accounts and annual return to the Charity Commission) and prioritise ad-hoc requests from the Executive Committee concerning financial matters. I would be committed to maintaining the health of the BSG's financial base so that it can better carry out the promotion of geomorphic research, educational activities, professional geomorphology and the provision of communications. To do this, I would work closely with other principal officers and the administrative/finance assistant. At all times I would ensure transparency in financial reporting and communications, to uphold and maintain trust. I would be fully committed to the role for the three-year term taking an honest and professional approach, including that of becoming a charity trustee.

From reading the latest BSG Treasurer's report (August 2024), I am aware that uncertainty presented by changes to the academic publishing landscape will have implications for BSG finances. However, I believe this represents an exciting opportunity for the diversification and rebalancing of income streams over the coming years.

I have been a member of the BSG and participated in several events over the last decade. This began with the Windsor Workshop (December 2013), which was a formative experience at the start of my PhD. Since then, I have attended Annual Conferences and presented research for the BSG Seminar Series (February 2023). More recently, I have participated in workshops on Restoring Geomorphological Processes in Urban Rivers (May 2024) and Sediment Cascades and Climate Change (June 2024). I am thankful to the BSG for awarding a research grant for my project on "Biogeomorphic response of Po River tributaries to an extreme flood-drought sequence" (BSG-2023-

30). I acknowledge that the BSG has offered many opportunities throughout my career and now I feel in a position to contribute back.

Overall, I would be excited to work alongside members of the Executive Committee to advance the science of geomorphology whilst ensuring the BSG's financial resilience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Boothroyd', written in a cursive style.

Dr Richard Boothroyd