

Edinburgh Geological Society
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
7pm Wednesday 30 January 2013, Grant Institute

Present

Graham Leslie (Chair) and 40 members as listed in the attached Attendance Sheet.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Lilian D'Mello, David McAdam and Jim Floyd .

Minutes of Previous Meeting 18 January 2012

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

President's Report

The President reported that the Society had had another successful year. The combined Annual Report and Proceedings giving full details had been circulated to members in advance. Membership was healthy with a small net increase in numbers, and the Society's financial position had held up well during a challenging period. An excellent programme of 13 lectures took place during the Session 2011-2012 and President thanked the Lectures Secretary Kathryn Goodenough for organising it. Twelve excursions took place under the direction of Excursion Secretary Richard Smith, who stepped down at the end of the Session after 2 years in office. The President expressed his appreciation for the excellent way in which he had run the programme and sought a volunteer to fill the role of Excursions Secretary in the new Session.

The Society continued to fulfil its objectives, as stated in the Laws, of stimulating and encouraging public interest in geology. Members of the Society had been active in supporting a number of outreach activities including the Edinburgh U3A Geology Group, the Water of Leith Conservation Trust and Edinburgh Biodiversity Week as well as playing a major part in the Scottish Geodiversity Forum. EGS members had taken part in a number of public events.

The President complimented the hard work of the Council on these achievements and he especially complimented the Treasurer, Bob Morley, for his achievements in keeping the Society's funds in a healthy state of balance. He expressed thanks to Sarah Bailey, Rachel Wood and Bob Reekie who were stepping down as Ordinary Members of Council, although Rachel would continue to chair the Clough Committee as Assistant Secretary (Awards). Fiona McGibbon was taking over as Assistant Secretary (Billet), the role having been filled by Honorary Secretary Beverly Bergman during the interregnum, and Lilian D'Mello was now chair of the Planning and Finance Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Morley presented the highlights of the accounts and noted that financial results (excluding restricted funds) were similar to the previous year. Subscriptions were up a little but this was generally balanced by a modest reduction in costs. Excursions were the largest items of Income and Expenditure and generally broke even. Sales of the older EGS Guides were down on last year but these currently make a significant contribution to the Society's surplus as they are fully written down. This benefit will continue until stocks are exhausted. Sales of joint publications with the National Museums of Scotland: The North West Highland Guide remains strong although it earns very little surplus, however a recent reprint should produce a better return. Sales of Moine and Rum Guides have slowed significantly and we have had to start writing down the value of our stocks as they may not be fully realisable.

Projects facilitated by the EGS for which sponsorship was received include "Rocks and Maps for Schools", a leaflet on Dundee Law, and donations to Lothian & Borders GeoConservation's leaflet programme.

Election of Council Members

Nominations to Council had been published in the Billet and on the website. The nominations were proposed by Andrew McMillan and seconded by Bob Morley.

The following were elected:

President	Graham Leslie
Vice-President	Christine Thompson
Vice-President	Mike Browne
Immediate Past President	Angus Macpherson
Honorary Secretary	Beverly Bergman
Honorary Treasurer	Bob Morley
Membership Secretary	Andrew Rushworth
Excursions Secretary	Vacant
Lectures Secretary	Kathryn Goodenough
Asst Secretary (Billet)	Fiona McGibbon
Asst Secretary (Planning/Finance)	Lilian D'Mello
Asst Secretary (Awards)	Rachel Wood
Librarian & Archivist	Bob McIntosh
Publication Sales Officer	Angus Miller
Ordinary Members	Ken Grant
	Richard Smith
	Phil Stone
	Rhona Fraser
	Colin MacFadyen
Scientific Editors	Rob Duck
	Maarten Krabbendam
Independent Examiner	A Gibson (Gibson McKerrell Brown)

Further Business

The President asked members to let him know of any suggestions for future activities in which they would like to see the Society's involvement.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:20pm and members then heard a lecture entitled "The Eve of Biomineralisation" presented by Rachel Wood, Professor in Carbonate Geoscience at the University of Edinburgh.