

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at 13:30 pm on Wednesday 19 March 2025 via Zoom

Present: Nick Koor, Sian Davies Vollum, Stewart Fishwick, Rebecca Williams, Munira Raji, Pete Rowley, George Jameson (GSL)

Apologies: Mark Anderson, Dave Healy, Amanda Owen

Actions

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The current vacancies on the Executive were mentioned here with the VC position being highlighted as position that requires some discussion. It was suggested that an email to the membership highlighting the vacancy would be a good first step.

The topic of reasonable adjustments that was discussed at the AGM may require some follow up. Members wondered if this would be a worthwhile activity to focus some activity on. A deep dive into where and how responsibilities lie and how that interacts with geoscience specifically would be helpful. Work done by Leeds was highlighted with respect to this. Members wondered if Dave would have any insight into this.

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In addition, it was suggested that this topic could be part of a future thematic meeting if bundled in with fieldwork. Additionally, it could take the form of a webinar.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

i. *UK GSA Update*

Nick provided members with a progress update on UK GSA following on from the launch event back in May. Since then a steering group has been formed and engaging with and developing links with other relevant organisations has been progressing well. Nick added that they continue to reach out to organisations.

They are in the process of setting up 3 working groups to oversee the key areas of focus.

They are making a submission to the governments 'Under the Microscope' initiative, looking at encouraging the government to undertake relevant research.

Improvements to the relationship with the Geological Society are underway with Sian set to present at their next External Relations Committee, with the overarching aim of making that connection official.

ii. *Discussion of the November thematic meeting*

Members suggested that having a more researched focused thematic meeting would be very welcome. It was agreed that this would be discussed in more detail at the June meeting of the Executive. All agreed on the shifting landscape research landscape as the topic to develop for November. Inviting a NERC representative to discuss their change of focus was suggested. Stewart volunteered to identify a NERC contact.

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6. *REPORT FROM JOINT HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE (JHEC)*

The main items discussed at the Joint Higher Education Committee earlier that day focused on the Society's ambition to revamp their University Champion Scheme, Careers Day 2025 will be taking place in November at Burlington House, the Society are attending a parliament evidence session and requested information.

7. *REPORT FROM THE CHAIR (Not covered previously)*

No report was submitted by the Chair.

8. *REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (Not covered previously)*

Items were covered elsewhere.

9. *REPORT FROM THE TREASURER*

Sian shared Marks report with members.

10. *REPORTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE (not previously covered)*

Pete informed members that he has been able to resolve most of the back-end issues impacting the site. Although he hasn't been able to fix everything. He added that he is hoping to recruit a student intern to help.

The topic of reasonable adjustments as a webinar was suggested and Rebecca stated that she would write an email for the membership querying it with them as well as assessing interest. David will circulate.

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Sian took this opportunity to inform members that she has found the correct contact at UCAS to discuss the changes necessary to the geology page. She

added that she is trying to persuade the Society to attend the Girl Guides summer event. ESTA are planning on attending.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates were set, with meetings to start at 13:00:

- 12 November 2025

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ACTION LIST

Item	Title	Action	For when	By whom
4.	ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	Enquire with Dave regarding reasonable adjustment work done at Leeds		
5. ii	<i>Discussion of the November thematic meeting</i>	Identify a NERC contact		<i>SF</i>
10.	REPORTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE	Create email to send to membership regarding a potential webinar on reasonable adjustments		<i>RW, DH</i>