

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at 13:30 pm on Wednesday 5 June 2024 via Zoom

Present: Nick Koor, Sian Davies Vollum, Mark Anderson, Rebecca Williams, Pete Rowley, Amanda Owen, Graham McLeod, George Jameson (GSL)

Apologies: Dave Healy, Munira Raji, Stewart Fishwick, Roberto Loza

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

Nick accepted the industrial representative role.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

• Report on Strategic Alliance Workshop

Sian began by thanking the Society for their hospitality as they hosted the event at Burlington House. The event went very well with c.80 people in attendance. The day was divided into two sections with the morning having presentations and a panel discussion and the afternoon hosting workshops. There was a lot of focus on improving engagement with schools. Sian added that a summary of the day document is in development by herself and Nick and will be shared once ready. This will be submitted for inclusion in Geoscientist. (A)

The main output from the day was the decision to set up a steering group to oversee these aims. A call for EOI's has been advertised with a deadline of 21 June. The first item to focus on will be the development of Terms of Reference. (A)

6. REPORT FROM JOINT HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE (JHEC)

The main items discussed at the JHEC meeting earlier in the day focused on a number of items. These included a short conversation about GEON, an online platform for geoscience enthusiasts to engage with one another. ESTA informed members of an event coming up shortly and their GeoTrials content has been

very popular recently. The Society's Careers Day will be taking place at the University of Manchester on 6 November and the Society has finally updated its academic accreditation regulation to reflect the changes made by the working group a few years prior. BGS have a virtual work experience programme and summer work placements taking place at the moment.

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

Sian informed members that an informal survey to departments asking about both negative and positive changes they've experienced over the past few years. They've had a 50% return rate today with some very detailed responses. She added that there have been some course closures, reduced optionality and mergers.

Sian announced that Keele's degree apprenticeship will be delivered from the 2025/26 academic year. It is being validated later this month.

It was agreed by the Committee that collaborating with Geologize will not be happening as it only engages with a select few universities.

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

Dave attended a BGS stakeholder meeting. He noted that this should be something UGUK gives additional focus to engineer influence.

9. REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Mark stated that £594 has been spent recently, this was mainly due to travel expenses for the HE event in May as well as the website fee. He added that invoices have not been circulate yet. The constitution is now up on the shared folder.

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

Pete informed members that he has been contacted by a number of groups looking to have their content added to the Teach Earth platform. He added that with the changes to the Welsh curriculum, the information on the website will require a review to see what needs to be updated/changed. The website has had over 20,000 hits over the last 6 months.

Rebecca stated that following an approach with TIDE, UGUK have agreed to sign up to the initiative. She will send them the logo to use going forward.

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Amanda attended the Society's most recent Education Committee.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the thematic meeting scheduled for November requires some additional focus. Some of the potential themes suggested included having Keele present on the development of their degree apprenticeship, degree apprenticeship myth busting as well as routes into geoscience.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates were set, with meetings to start at 13:30:

- 13 November 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ACTION LIST

Item	Title	Action	For when	By whom
5	Report on Strategic Alliance Workshop	Send summary of event for inclusion as item for Geoscientist	<i>Nov</i>	<i>SDV, NK</i>
5	Report on Strategic Alliance Workshop	Develop terms of reference for strategic alliance	<i>Nov</i>	
10	Reports from other members of executive	Send UGUK logo to TIDE	<i>Nov</i>	<i>RW</i>