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MINUTES OF THE 2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY

Thursday 13th September 2001, 5.45 pm, DTI Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London.

The attendance of the AGM is recorded in Annex 1.

The Co-Chairman, E Wickens (former President of the Photogrammetric Society and now Co-Chairman of RSPSoc with K Bowden), opened the AGM and, after making a few general announcements, introduced the following officers of the Society: J Finch (Hon. Gen. Secretary), A Cracknell (co-Hon. Treasurer), K Bowden (Co-Chairman) and R Taft (co-Hon. Treasurer). E Wickens then briefly outlined the voting rights of members.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: B Bakker, D Boyd, P Bryan, M Cooper, P Cross, I Dowman, J P Elder, D Hardy, D Hughes, R Kirby, J Meyer-Roux, J Mills, G Petrie, C Power, T Robin, P Selmes, G Thomson, G Vincent, S Winterbottom and J Young.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was proposed by P Aplin and seconded by M Wickett.

3. Approval of the 2000 (former RSS and PSoc) AGM and EGM Minutes

The former RSS AGM (2000) Minutes were proposed by P Williams, seconded by R Vaughan and approved unanimously.

The former RSS EGM (2000) Minutes were proposed by J Norton, seconded by I Downey and approved unanimously.

The former PSoc AGM (2000) Minutes were proposed by M Clowes, seconded by A Smart and approved unanimously.

The former PSoc EGM (2000) Minutes were proposed by G Thomson and seconded by A Smart and approved unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

There were no outstanding matters.

5. Annual Review and Accounts

Members were referred to the Annual Review.

5.1 *Chairman's Report.* E Wickens outlined his report and highlighted the first joint meeting of the new Society, "Sensing Beyond 2000" organised by I Downey and held at the University of Greenwich on February 28th 2001. It was noted that in 2000,

RSS2000 in Leicester had been a successful meeting with a stimulating programme which was well attended. It was also noted that during last winter's programme the former PSoc held meetings and symposia in conjunction with RICS and BCS, some SIG meetings and the Conversazione which was the first social function of the new Society on May 5th at the Globe Theatre, London. Members noted a new style Newsletter and input and images were requested. The International Journal of Remote Sensing and the Photogrammetric Record, the two official journals of the Society, continued to be well supported by members.

In February and May 2001 there had been two very large joint Council meetings and many of its members will now stand down at this AGM and give way to the new RSPSoc Council. The RSPSoc office in Nottingham had taken over the routine administration which had previously been carried out by former PSoc volunteers. UCL had been the former home of the PSoc and Prof P Cross and his predecessors were thanked for their hospitality and it was noted that the new Society would still be able to use rooms at UCL. Council and its Officers will be in place at the close of this AGM and it is hoped will build on the work of its predecessors and continue the changes taking place. E Wickens then read out the final paragraph of the co-Chairman's report in the Annual Review and asked the AGM for its continued support.

- 5.2 *Hon. Gen. Secretary's Report.* J Finch thanked K Laughton, Assistant Secretary, for her work on Council and minute taking. Last year's Council and existing members were also thanked for their work and co-operation over the year and the resignations as listed in the Annual Review were noted.
- 5.3 *Special Motion to the AGM to harmonise subscription rates.* It was noted that subscription rates of the former RSS and PSoc needed to be brought into line and it had been agreed to credit £2.50 to former PSoc members who had overpaid their July 2001-March 2002 subscription. R Taft proposed the following motion to the AGM: "To bring the annual subscriptions of all categories of membership into line by introducing the following rates: Individual £40; Concessionary £15; Corporate Individual £30 and Corporate £220". A Smart seconded this which was then carried unanimously.
- 5.4 *Treasurer's Report - A Cracknell.* A Cracknell referred members to his Treasurer's report in the Annual Review and the Accounts of the former RSS. It was noted that the proportion of total income from subscriptions was not very high but that royalties from the sales of the IJRS and covenanted receipts from the trading company (RSSE Ltd) had resulted in a surplus of some £15k. The covenanted receipt from the company was a one-off payment so, if taken out of the accounts, would mean that the surplus would disappear and the accounts would not be as healthy as they appear. M Wickett proposed the former RSS Accounts to the AGM for approval and I Downey seconded this. The accounts were approved unanimously.
- 5.5 *Treasurer's Report – R Taft.* R Taft referred members to the former PSoc accounts on page 29 of the Annual Review and it was noted that A Smart had been the PSoc

Treasurer whilst R Taft was Chairman of the Finance Committee. The former PSoc accounts were for a nine-month period so the surplus was from a nine-month financial year. The former Photogrammetric Society had a value of £75k. Therefore it was noted that the two former societies had quite a healthy combined asset value but caution was urged as all members received 3 free months membership to bring former RSS and PSoc members into line when no membership subscription income would be received between January-March 2002. The former PSoc had also met its obligations with regards to its former creditors. The former PSoc Accounts were proposed to the AGM by K B Atkinson and seconded by P Newby. The accounts were approved unanimously.

6. Results of Council Elections

The Hon. Gen. Secretary, J Finch, gave details of the resignation of all former Council trustees and it was noted that the call for nominations for the new RSPSoc Council resulted in 12 nominations being received for 12 vacancies on Council so no ballot had been necessary.

The following nominations had been received:

J Allan (ERDAS (UK) Ltd)
P Aplin (University of Nottingham)
P Bryan (English Heritage)
S Marsh (British Geological Survey)
J Mills (University of Newcastle)
J Norton (Cyra Technologies)
R Payne (Cartographical Services Ltd)
C Power (University of Greenwich)
A Smart (Ordnance Survey)
M Stuttard (Logica)
M Wickett (Serco)
S Winterbottom (University of Stirling)

It was noted that the Officers were elected by Council and were as follows:

Chairman	I Downey
Vice-Chairman	J Chandler
Hon. Treasurer	R Taft
Hon. Gen. Secretary	J Finch

The student representative was K McManus (University of Durham) supported by J Adams (University of Nottingham).

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mr D T Cook was proposed and R Taft gave the background to his experience of dealing with Charity accounts. Mr Cook had been the independent examiner of the former PSoc. R Taft proposed Mr D T Cook to the AGM as the RSPSoc Independent Examiner and this was seconded by K B Atkinson and agreed unanimously.

8. AOB

- 8.1 E Wickens thanked all those involved in the merger process particularly K Bowden for being such a good colleague. K Bowden then echoed this after which the Co-Chairmen handed over the Chairman's position to I Downey supported by J Chandler.
- 8.2 I Downey recorded a vote of thanks from the membership to the Co-Chairmen and officers for all their hard work, goodwill and good humour on behalf of the incoming Council and membership.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 6.25 pm.

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

J Adams	K Laughton
J Allan	K McManus
P Aplin	S Marsh
K B Atkinson	P J Mason
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K Bowden	P Mather
V Brown	P Newby
T Cary	J Norton
J Chandler	R Payne
M Cutler	A Smart
M Clowes	R Taft
A Cracknell	G Thomson
P Curran	S Tovey
M Danson	R Vaughan
I Downey	S Wallace
I Dyras	N Watson
J Finch	E Wickens
M Godefroy	M Wickett
A Handley	A Wild
B King	P Williams
S Lane	