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## **MINUTES OF THE 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2003, 5.30 pm, Room A48, School of Geography, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, UK.

The attendance of the AGM is recorded in Annex 1.

The Chairman opened the AGM at 5.30 pm and welcomed all members to the meeting asking them to record their names on the attendance list which was circulated.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from: K Atkinson, T Cope Bowley, S Lavender, V Lawrence, P Mason, R Payne, E Rollin, P Selmes, A Smart, G Vincent, S Winterbottom and J Young.

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

*It was proposed by I Downey that the Agenda was adopted. P Newby seconded this and all were in favour.*

### **3. Approval of the 2002 AGM Minutes**

There were no amendments to the 2002 AGM Minutes.

*I Downey proposed that the 2002 Minutes be accepted. E Wickens seconded this and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.*

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Annual Review and Accounts**

5.1 *Chairman's Report.* The Chairman referred members to his report in the Annual Review reiterating the success of the 2002 meeting in London last autumn. This was a one-off meeting compared to the normal calendar of events. Imaging standards was still an important theme with some long term outstanding actions which will hopefully be completed by the end of 2003. The success of the one-day RSPSoc technical meetings of the past year was highlighted and it was hoped that the Society will build on this. The External Affairs Committee's outreach programme was noted, particularly the links with BNSC, NERC the Special Interest Groups and RICS. Progress had been made with reference to the UKNCPRS (the UK affiliating body to

the ISPRS) which was being absorbed into the External Affairs Committee. By the end of 2003, its functions and finances will be transferred to the RSPSoc and will be the main affiliating body for UK collaboration. There are also representatives from the RICS and ICES on the External Affairs Committee.

The Chairman thanked those sponsors and corporate members for their support of the annual technical meeting.

It was noted that the Society's publications had been upgraded substantially as regards remote sensing and photogrammetry and that the quality and volume of the respective journals had increased. The Newsletter had improved and thanks were given to Paul Mather and his support staff at Nottingham. Paul Mather had been awarded an OBE in early 2003.

Finally, there had been a change of President of the RSPSoc. Lord Hesketh had stepped down and the Chairman welcomed David Rhind to this post.

- 5.2 *Hon. Gen. Secretary's Report.* The Hon. Gen. Secretary, J Finch, apologised to the AGM for an error in the list of Fellows (FRSPSoc) in Annex 5. The Honorary Members (FRSPSoc) had been omitted; this will be corrected next year.

During the last year the following members had joined Council: D Rhind, J Shears and E Wallington (Student Representative). M Wickett and M Stuttard were standing down due to the pressure of work and K Bowden is standing down from the post of compliance officer. J Adams retired from the post of Student Representative.

The Working Practices document was now in its final form and can be requested by members should they wish to see a copy. This document will evolve as decisions made by Council are made.

Thanks were given to Stuart Marsh of the External Affairs Committee for overseeing a number of developments such as the Special Interest Group (SIG) affiliation issue for both non-affiliated and affiliated SIGs. The latter have strong links with other societies eg GRSG (Geological Society), OCSIG (Challenger Society) and NAPLIB (Aerial Photography). Affiliation was agreed at 1 April 2003 at the end of the reporting year.

The Photogrammetric Record. Council thanked J Chandler and P Newby for exploring future options and negotiating a new joint publishing contract with Blackwell Publishing Ltd. As of March 2003, Blackwells will be responsible for production, marketing and distribution. The Record is now published jointly by the Society and Blackwell Publishing Ltd, with the financial risks being jointly borne by the two organisations. The new arrangement has enabled an increase in frequency

from two to four issues per year. The aim is to expand and increase production of The Record and make it the leading photogrammetry journal in the world.

Finally, Council thanked Karen Laughton and Rosemary McCabe for their continued work, effort and commitment on behalf of the Society.

- 5.3 *Hon. Treasurer's Report.* R Taft referred members to the Accounts in Annex 3 of the Annual Review, particularly to page 9 where it was noted that Royalties from Taylor & Francis formed a significant amount of Society income which was relied upon. The royalty payment related to sales of the IJRS. It was noted that whilst The Record will cost money to produce over the next few years, a similar trend should eventually be seen over the years and sales should produce royalty fees.

It was also noted that income from one-day meetings had been excellent and the organisers were thanked for their hard work and efforts. There was £72k in COIF shares but as they were linked to the stock exchange there had been a loss of £3,014 but it was hoped that the stock market would pick up.

An EGM will follow this AGM and the Treasurer indicated that the reason for calling this meeting was that over the next year expenditure will rise because of the increasing costs of administration, such as printing, postage and distribution costs. It was noted that the financial policy was to maintain reserves for 3 years. There is a reserve of £196k and expenditure last year was £104k so it was felt that a slight increase in subscriptions was necessary.

The Chairman invited any questions to the Treasurer but there were none.

## **6. Results of Council Elections**

The Hon. Gen. Secretary, J Finch, informed members that:

- 6.1 Council had re-appointed the same four officers for the next year as follows:  
Chairman: I Downey, Vice Chairman: J Chandler, Hon. Gen. Secretary: J Finch and Hon. Treasurer: R Taft.
- 6.2 The shadow Student Representative is C O'Shea (Stirling University).
- 6.3 Council members. There had been 5 nominees for 4 vacancies on Council and those elected were as follows:

Jane Drummond (Glasgow University)  
Tony Smart (Ordnance Survey)  
Sandy Winterbottom (Stirling University)  
Mark Cutler (Dundee University)

## **7. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner**

It was noted that Mr David Cooke was currently the Independent Examiner and had the necessary experience of financial work in the charitable sector.

*R Taft proposed that Mr David Cooke be re-appointed as Independent Examiner. J Chandler seconded this and all were in favour.*

## **8. AOB**

The Chairman, I Downey, raised the following:

- 8.1 Education & Training Committee activities. There had not been too much interest in activities during the year and volunteers were asked to support this Committee and come forward to join it and offer ideas. CEOS had 2 working groups and 3 ad-hoc groups working on education and training which will encourage activity.
- 8.2 Database skills. Volunteers were asked to come forward if they had skills in database management and co-ordination and would like to help the Society.
- 8.3 Paul Aplin and his team of staff at Nottingham University were thanked for their efforts in hosting and organising RSPSoc2003.
- 8.4 RSPSoc2004 will take place in Aberdeen, 7-11 September 2004. I Downey recommended this as next year's venue and urged members to support this event and attend.

The Chairman asked for any questions to which E Wickens responded suggesting that Corporate members would like to see a wider appeal of the annual conference as at present it was seen as "too academic". I Dowman indicated the importance of policy and education issues and suggested in future having a session on education issues. I Downey referred to the CEOS meeting and data principles and the issue of availability. M Danson questioned the website strategy as M Wickett was standing down from Council. It was noted that M Wickett will continue his work as webmaster and will attend future Council meetings.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 6.10 pm.

## **Annex 1**

THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY AGM/EGM 2003.

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### **LIST OF ATTENDEES**

J Adams  
A Al-Roichdi  
P Aplin  
R Armitage  
P Atkinson  
M Barnsley  
A Brötje  
J Chandler  
M Clowes  
T Cockerell  
A Cracknell  
P Curran  
M Cutler  
M Danson  
K Dewidar  
D Donoghue  
I Dowman  
I Downey  
R Dunford  
J Finch  
E Fiorini  
C Fleming  
G M Foody  
M Godefroy  
R Goodman  
D Ireson  
H Jones  
N Khaleque  
F Khalid  
K Laughton  
S Marsh  
H Mehner  
P Newby  
C Power  
R Quinonez-Pinon  
D Rhind  
R Taft  
S Tovey  
R Vaughan  
E Wallington  
E Wickens  
M Wickett  
T Wicks  
M Williams  
D Wilson  
P Zukowskyj