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## **MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY.**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2008, 5.48 pm, the Plenary Room, Peter Lanyon Building, Level 2, Department of Geography, University of Exeter, Cornwall Campus, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 9EZ, UK.

The Chairman, P Aplin, opened the 2008 AGM and welcomed all members. The attendance of the AGM is presented in Annex 1.

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from: M Cooper, A Cracknell, I Downey, A Evans, J Finch, R Littleworth, K McManus, J Mills, G Mitchelson-Jacob, I Newton, M Steven, T Thomson and S Walker.

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

*P Aplin proposed the adoption of the Agenda and P Newby seconded. All were in favour.*

### **3 Approval of the 2007 AGM/EGM Minutes**

P Aplin requested any comments or queries. There were none and the 2007 AGM and EGM Minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

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

The AGM was referred, by P Aplin, to the Annual Review and Accounts for 2007-2008. The highlights were noted as follows:

5.1 *RSPSoc2007*. This had been held in Newcastle in September 2007. It had been very well attended with a strong technical programme and excellent organisation and hospitality. There had been a resulting surplus for the Society. Thanks were given to M Williams, J Mills and the local team who had worked very hard to ensure a very successful event. It was a very fitting end to S Marsh's term of chairmanship. P Aplin expressed thanks to K Anderson for her effort in organising RSPSoc2008 and also to K Tansey for progress made so far for RSPSoc2009.

5.2 *GIS Day*. This had been held in November 2007 and had been a very successful one day global event to raise GIS awareness. The RSPSoc had been involved in this event via A Koh and the Education and Training Committee. An educational pack had been produced and

sent to many schools in south west England. During this time, the RSPSoc website had received a record number of hits. Thanks were given to A Koh and his team. The RSPSoc Website had been re-launched 2 years ago and it was noted that D Holland and F Khalid were now managing the website. All comments were welcome on progress to date.

5.3 *RSPSoc Newsletter.* The format and appearance of the Newsletter will be revised and updated. M Cutler will lead this initiative. P Aplin has commissioned new input in the form of profiles from members. There is a new section called: “What’s New at RSPSoc.org” which the Webmaster contributes to and there will be future feature articles. The design of the Newsletter will also be modernised during the next review period.

5.4 *RAE2008.* During the reporting period, the RSPSoc has played a part in influencing policy via RAE2008. P Aplin had been proactive in contacting RAE so that remote sensing and photogrammetry are represented in Geography and the Environmental Studies sub-panel. G Foody has been appointed to the sub-panel. P Aplin was approached to provide input as regards a remote sensing specialist, so RSPSoc is now being asked for advice on what is a significant activity.

5.5 *Mike Barnsley Lecture and Conversazione.* This event was held outside of the reporting period but P Aplin reported that it had been successful and well attended. Lynwen Barnsley, M Barnsley’s wife, had attended along with family and friends. D Rhind, the RSPSoc President, gave a tribute. P Aplin would like to see an annual RSPSoc lecture and Conversazione each year. It is envisaged that a Conversazione will be held in 2009.

5.6 *ISPRS Congress.* I Dowman was the ISPRS President during the past 4 years. P Aplin reported on activities in Beijing. It was noted that Prof J Mills will lead Commission V on “Close Range Sensing Analysis and Applications” ensuring RSPSoc involvement.

5.7 *The Accounts – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.* R Taft, the Hon. Treasurer, then reported to this item. In comparison to the 2006-2007 financial year, it was noted that income from publications and royalties had increased but that subscription income remained flat. There had been a surplus from the 2007 Annual Conference, so conference income was up. Administrative expenditure was in line with inflation. It was noted that costs were involved with the digitising of The Photogrammetric Record by Wiley-Blackwell but that eventually all back issues will be available online to those who subscribe to this journal.

R Taft then outlined a “Promotion Fund” of £11,519.07. This is available to any Committee or member who makes an application for funding a proposal which is seen to be a benefit to all members. Applications are requested by the Finance Committee who will consider each proposal for a decision by the Executive Committee. This fund must be used by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

It was noted that Council expenses had increased slightly but that as Council members are supported to carry out Society work, this in turn supports the RSPSoc. It was further noted that the net asset value of the Society is £260K.

R Taft then asked the AGM for any questions. There were none.

R Taft then informed the AGM that he will step down as Hon. Treasurer from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 as will, D Cooke, the Independent Examiner who is retiring. The AGM was asked to consider possible nominations for the post of Honorary Treasurer. R Taft offered his support to the new incumbent and to Council for as long as is necessary.

P Aplin then informed the AGM that the post of Independent Examiner and Hon. Treasurer will be considered at the November 2008 Council meeting but, again, reiterated the request for anyone interested in the post of Hon. Treasurer to contact the Society.

## **6 Council Membership and Elections**

P Mason reported on Council membership. It was noted that there were 12 elected members (trustees) who usually serve two 3 year terms. The ex-officio members, appointed by Council, are the Officers: P Aplin (Chairman), S Lavender (Vice Chairman), P Mason (Honorary General Secretary) and R Taft (Honorary Treasurer). Co-opted members usually serve a 3 year term and may vote if they are co-opted as Trustees.

It was noted that D Holland, R Teeuw and P Zukowskyj each completed their first term at the 2008 AGM. J Shears completed his second term and I Woodhouse stepped down. S Lavender became an ex-officio member of Council and S Marsh stepped down as immediate past Chairman. T Thomson also retired as Student Representative. P Aplin expressed his thanks to these Council members.

P Mason then reported on Council membership for 2008-2009. The ex-officio officers are noted above. A Hardy and R Brewin are the Student Representatives on Council. There were 9 nominations for 6 vacancies on Council. The results of the Council election, held recently, were then noted. A Graham, D Holland, C Jordan, R Teeuw, T Thomson and P Zukowskyj were elected as Trustees for the period 2008-2011. It was proposed that R Armitage, F Khalid and K Tansey be co-opted on to Council at its November 2008 meeting. P Mason then asked for any comments. There were none.

## **7 Appointment of Independent Examiner**

*R Taft proposed that D Cooke continue as the Society's Independent Examiner until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, after which he will retire. A Koh seconded this and all were in favour.*

## **8 AOB**

P Aplin, on behalf of the Executive Committee and Council, extended a big thank you to the RSPSoc Office staff: R Hore and K Laughton. P Aplin also thanked Council for their support over the past year.

There being no further business, the 2008 AGM was closed at 6.15 pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

## **Annex 1**

### **THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY AGM 2008**

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### **LIST OF ATTENDEES**

D Andrews	R Katayama
P Aplin	F Khalid
A Aqduş	A Koh
R Armitage	K Laughton
P Atkinson	S Lavender
H Balzter	G Llewellyn
K Bowden	P Marshall
R Brewin	P Mason
K Brown	E Mitchard
T Caras	A Morris
F Cawkwell	P Newby
M Cutler	A Perryman
J Dash	D Rhind
T Dawson	J Shutler
J Drummond	G Smith
E Edwards	R Taft
A Fox	R Teeuw
M Freeman	K Tansey
A Friend	W Tompkinson
A Hardy	S Tovey
A Harris	P Walker
D Holland	M Williams
A Hoscilo	A Wilson

