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MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY.

Thursday 10th September 2009, 17:15, the University of Leicester, John Foster Hall, Tilton & Swithland Room, Manor Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 2LG, UK.

The Chairman, P Aplin, opened the 2009 AGM at 17:15 and welcomed a full meeting. The attendance of the AGM is recorded in Annex 1.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: P Butcher, M Cooper, A Cracknell, G Oxlee and J Shears.

2 Adoption of the Agenda

P Aplin proposed that the Agenda be adopted. This was seconded by P Mason. All were in favour.

3 Approval of the 2008 AGM Minutes

P Aplin asked for any comments. K Laughton informed the AGM that I Sargent's name had been added to the Attendance list.

P Aplin proposed that the amended 2008 AGM Minutes be accepted. S Lavender seconded this. All were in favour.

The 2008 AGM Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Annual Review and Accounts

P Aplin referred members to the Annual Review and Accounts for 2008-2009. The highlights are as follows:

5.1 *OBLA/Annual Lecture/Conversazione - Nottingham meeting.* One of P Aplin's aims was to re-engage with the membership by proposing an Annual Lecture and Conversazione as well as the production of a new-style Newsletter and increased Student activity. It is also the aim to engage the RSPSoc with other organisations. In the reporting year, two Conversazione events were held. The April 2009 Conversazione was held at the University of Nottingham along with the Annual Lecture and OBLA workshop. J Townshend gave a stimulating talk at this year's Annual Lecture, after which delegates enjoyed an evening at Trent Bridge cricket ground. The aim is to continue this model. It was noted that a special issue of IJGIS will be published relating to the OBLA meeting.

5.2 *New-style Newsletter – Sensed.* The new-style RSPSoc Newsletter (Sensed) had received very positive feedback. The Newsletter was now a valuable scientific publication describing remote

sensing and photogrammetry which is presented attractively in a modern format. It was felt that real progress had been made.

5.3 *Student Activities.* An excellent Annual Student meeting had been held in March 2009 which A Hardy organised. This meeting attracted 30+ participants. P Aplin is delighted that this event has gone from strength to strength. This year's staff/student football match at RSPSoc 2009 is to be repeated at the 2010 Annual Conference in Cork.

5.4 *Engagement with other organisations.* RSPSoc is actively communicating and engaging with other organisations. In July, it was noted that RSPSoc had been asked for input to the proposed UK response to the new ESA facility in Harwell. RSPSoc is also engaging with NCEO and BARSC and is therefore lobbying and impacting on policy(ies).

5.5 *RSPSoc 2008.* Last year's Annual Conference had been a very successful meeting. Due to the impact of such meetings, RSPSoc's activities had increased and therefore standards were on the rise with reference to the quality of meetings.

P Aplin then thanked all RSPSoc members for their support along with the Executive Committee and Council. It was announced that R Hore will be leaving employment with the RSPSoc at the end of September to take up an administrative position with the British Cartographic Society. This is a sad loss to the RSPSoc as R Hore had made a significant contribution to the Society. P Aplin recorded his thanks. Thanks were also given to K Laughton for her work at the RSPSoc Office.

Finally, members were asked to read the Committee reports in the Annual Review which highlighted key areas of activity throughout the reporting period.

5.6 *Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts.* R Taft, Hon. Treasurer, reported on the 2008-2009 Accounts which were published in the Annual Review (Statement of Financial Activities).

Income. Royalty income, from both the IJRS and The Photogrammetric Record, now exceeded subscription income. Income (profit) had also been up on investments and the former National Committee fund had been merged into central funds; this increase in income over the previous year's figure was noted.

Expenditure. Administration expenditure was slightly higher than last year and there had been an increase in Publications expenditure owing to the new-style Newsletter. The promotion fund had been used for the new-style Newsletter. Council expenditure was down slightly, compared to last year. Overall expenditure was slightly up. Although there is a large surplus showing this year, it was noted that this had been due to provisions and accruals having been released (owing to Charity Commission rules). This would not be the case in future years.

R Taft then asked for any questions. J Mills asked whether there was a limit on profit to which R Taft responded.

Finally, it was noted that £30,000 had been left to the RSPSoc in K M Keir's will (a Founder member of the former PSoc). Suitable suggestions as to what this amount could be used to fund were requested to be sent to R Taft via the RSPSoc Office.

6. Council Membership

P Mason, Hon. Gen. Secretary, reported to this item. It was noted that there were 12 elected members (Trustees) on Council who serve for two 3 year periods. There are 4 Ex-Officio Officers and the Executive Secretary along with other individuals such as co-opted Trustees and Observers. Committee and SIG membership was also noted.

Those stepping down from Council in the reporting period were: R Teeuw, D Holland and P Zukowskyj (end of 1st term). J Shears also stepped down along with I Woodhouse. T Thomson retired as Student Representative and S Marsh stepped down as Immediate Past Chairman. S Lavender became an Ex-Officio member.

The Ex-Officio Officers were re-elected (P Aplin, S Lavender, P Mason and R Taft). A Hardy became the Student Representative with R Brewin the new shadow Student Representative. The following were elected to Council: A Graham, D Holland, C Jordan, R Teeuw, T Thomson and P Zukowskyj. The following were co-opted to Council as Trustees: R Armitage, F Khalid and K Tansey.

This year, there were 2 vacancies on Council owing to M Cutler and J Drummond completing their second term. Two nominations had been received for 2 vacancies therefore there was no ballot. F Khalid (University of Greenwich) and C Mewse (Getmapping) were therefore formally elected to Council and their biographical details were briefly outlined to the AGM.

M Williams then informed the AGM that F Khalid had volunteered to host RSPSoc 2012 at the University of Greenwich.

P Aplin reminded the AGM that R Brewin was now the Student Representative and R Parker was the shadow Student Representative.

7 Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was noted that Mr D Cooke had retired. Mr David Morten (Honorary Treasurer, BARSC) had offered to take on this role.

R Taft proposed D Morten as the Society's Independent Examiner. A Koh seconded this. All were in favour.

There being no further business, the 2009 AGM was closed.

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