

Earth Science Teachers' Association
Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting
Held on Saturday 29 September 2018 in the Janet Watson Lecture Theatre at the
Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly at 2.20 p.m.

1 Welcome

The Retiring Chair, Nikki Edwards (NE), welcomed everyone to the AGM. Nikki reminded members that Jo Conway had resigned as Chair earlier in the year and thanked Jo for her efforts on behalf of the Association. In return, Jo thanked members for their support during her term of office.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Elouise Gill, Gordon Neighbour and John Reynolds.

3 Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting

Hazel Clark proposed that the minutes of the 50th AGM, held on Saturday 30 September at Keele University, should be accepted as a true record, Pete Loader seconded the proposal and there was unanimous agreement.

4 Matters Arising from the 50th AGM

There were no matters arising

5 Annual Reports

Annual reports from Council members had been published on the ESTA website ahead of the AGM and paper copies were available to delegates on request. Reports were taken as read. The Retiring Chair thanked David Fuller and John Reynolds for their generous donations to the Association during the year. Maggie Williams said that the Association had also benefited greatly from its partnership with PESGB over many years and, on behalf of the whole membership, thanked PESGB for their support.

6 Election of Chair

- 6.1 Nikki Edwards reminded the meeting that, in accordance with Rule 20, Council had voted Dan Boatright to take over as ESTA Chair at a meeting on 23 June. As no alternative candidate had been proposed by the deadline of 12.00 noon, Saturday 29 September, members were invited to ratify Dan's appointment. Chris King agreed to act as teller.

For: 50

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The resolution was therefore passed unanimously and Dan Boatright chaired the remainder of the AGM.

7 Election of Officers to Council

The following posts were vacant or due for re-election.

- 7.1 *Treasurer*: Carole Rushall had been nominated by Council having agreed to serve for another term and was re-elected unopposed. No other nominations had been received. The Chair thanked Carole for her continuing service on behalf of the Association.
- 7.2 *Chair Designate*: James Speed had been nominated by Pete Loader and seconded by David Bailey and Chris King. No other nominations had been received and therefore James was elected unopposed.
- 7.3 *Projects Manager*: Maggie Williams was co-opted to this role for another term. No other nominations had been received.

7.4 *ESTA Newsletter Editor*: Maggie Williams was co-opted to this role for another term. No other nominations had been received.

7.5 *Advertising Officer and Geoconservation Officer*: Jen Noble and John Reynolds, respectively, had stepped down from these co-opted posts which were now vacant. The Chair thanked them both on behalf of Council for the work they had done to support the Association. He reminded the meeting that the Association depended on volunteers and urged members to consider offering their time to support their colleagues.

8 ESTA President

Chair thanked David Shilston, the outgoing President, for his invaluable support and commitment to ESTA over the past two years. Council hoped to be able to announce his successor soon.

9 Update on the Sustainability Project and the future of ESTA

The Chair gave a brief update. He explained that a meeting on 28 June had made a number of recommendations regarding the sustainability project. A strategy based on these recommendations was in development and would be taken forward from the next Council meeting in November. He invited members wishing for more details to speak to him outside the meeting.

10 Any other business

10.1 The Chair reminded the meeting that Peter Williams had resigned from the role of ESTA webmaster after many years developing and supporting the website. In recognition of his excellent and dedicated service, Council proposed that Peter Williams be elected an Honorary Life Member. Chris King agreed to act as teller and a vote was held in accordance with Rule 3d of the Association:

For: 44

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The resolution was therefore passed unanimously and Peter Williams elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association.

10.2 The Chair told the meeting that Liz Lockwood had indicated she would be stepping down as the ESTA Conference Manager. He formally thanked Liz for her hard work in organising the previous three conferences and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Association. Conference is the key event in ESTA's calendar and everyone attending appreciated the organisation and management that went into making each event so successful.

The AGM closed at 14.52

David Bailey, October 2018