

**Earth Science Teachers' Association**  
**Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting**  
Held on Saturday 28 September 2019 in WG5 Aston Webb Building, University of  
Birmingham at 2.25 p.m.

**1 Welcome**

Dan Boatright welcomed everyone to the AGM. He thanked the University of Birmingham for hosting the conference, and the University of Leicester for sponsoring the reception held in the Lapworth Museum the previous evening.

**2 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Elouise Gill, Carole Rushall, Maggie Williams and Tracy Atkinson.

**3 Minutes of the 51st AGM and of the EGM held on 29 September 2018**

- 3.1 Mike Parker proposed that the minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 29 September at the Geological Society of London, should be accepted as a true record, Pete Loader seconded the proposal and there was unanimous agreement.
- 3.2 Mike Parker proposed that the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, held on Saturday 29 September at the Geological Society of London, should be accepted as a true record, Tom Argles seconded the proposal and there was unanimous agreement.

**4 Matters Arising from the 51st 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. David Bailey said it was important that ESTA held up-to-date contact details and asked members to check they had provided a current email address.

**6 Extension of Chair's term of office**

In accordance with Rule 20, Council had voted that Dan Boatright take over the role of Chair from Jo Conway at a meeting on 23 June 2018 and members ratified his appointment at the AGM on 29 September 2018.

With the agreement of the Chair Designate (James Speed), members had been invited to extend Dan's and James's terms of office until the 2020 AGM after which they would become Chair Designate and Chair, respectively. No nomination form for an alternative candidate had been submitted to the Secretary by the deadline and the proposed extension to the term of office was passed *nem con*.

**7 Election of Officers to Council**

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

- 7.1 *Secretary*: David Bailey had been nominated by Council having agreed to serve for another term and was re-elected unopposed. No other nominations had been received.
- 7.2 *Assistant Editor*: Maggie Williams was co-opted to this role for another term. No other nominations had been received.
- 7.3 *Promotions & Display Manager*: Mandy WInstanley and Stephen Davies were co-opted to share this role for another term. No other nominations had been received.
- 7.4 *Advertising Officer*: This post remained vacant. No nominations had been received.

## **8 ESTA President**

Council were delighted to announce that Professor Ian Barker CEnv FIWater, Managing Director of Water Policy International Ltd had agreed to become President of ESTA until the 2020 AGM. The Chair thanked Professor Barker for taking on this challenge and welcomed him to the role.

## **9 Any other business**

- 9.1 The Chair thanked Liz Lockwood for her efforts as ESTA's Conference Manager. Liz would be stepping down from the role and would be missed by all who had come to know her and her family at the Annual Conference over several years.
- 9.2 The Chair explained that there were still some 'kinks' to sort out with the new ESTA website. In particular the resources section needed to be updated. He invited members to help review and update material so that it could be reinstated.
- 9.3 Members were invited to consider standing for ESTA Council. As a membership organisation, it was vital that new people came forward to share their views on how the Association moves forward.
- 9.4 The Chair announced that he would set up a video camera during the Conference Dinner and would be seeking members to take part in sort interviews that could be used to promote the Association and Geology as a subject.
- 9.5 Members were encouraged to use the hashtag #ThinkGeology in social media posts.

The AGM closed at 14.45  
Attendance: 50

*David Bailey, October 2019*